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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Lim's Task

MR Lim Yew-hock, Singapore's new Chief Minister, has said that he is not disposed at the moment to consider a resumption of talks with the British government about the future of the Colony, but there is small doubt that before long he will. And when the negotiations are reopened, one hopes Mr Lim will approach them more realistically than did his predecessor.

It is now realised by everybody who has not his head in the clouds that the original talks as the "Open Sesame" to complete independence—which was what the Singapore delegation conceived them to be—were premature. Neither the requisite background of experience in self-governing administration nor the appropriate established political leaders were there. The abortive London talks also left another convincing impression—that the Singapore delegation never really faced the facts of the situation. They offered the British government "responsibility for the external defence of Singapore," but always they spoke as if Britain's "interest" in Singapore was merely a matter of "external defence installations."

THEIR thinking also went astray when the delegates suggested that the Communists in the Federation of Malaya are more dangerous than any elements in Singapore. The truth is, in fact, exactly the opposite. The Communists in the Federation are a known, contained and steadily diminishing enemy, in the jungle, lacking any substantial popular support; in Singapore, the threat is one of subversion and infiltration into schools, trade unions, political parties and other organisations with the aim of securing control of the machinery of Singapore's government from within.

The inherent instability of the administration to which Britain was being asked to hand over all responsibility was clearly shown by the refusal of all but two members of the delegation to follow Mr Marshall in his final attempt, after the talks had formally broken down, to find a new basis for negotiation. As soon as they saw that Mr Marshall had failed to get immediate and complete independence, the other politicians in the delegation abandoned any pretence at unanimity and began to take up positions dictated by purely local political considerations.

ONE of the striking features about the Federation's movement towards independence has been the massive electoral authority of the political party which forms the administration and negotiated the January agreement. It won every seat but one in the Federal elections last year, and although it is an alliance between two big communal organisations (Malay and Chinese) with naturally divergent interests, its leaders have had the sense to see—and the strength to compel their followers to accept—the wisdom of subordinating all sectional or communal ambitions to the major ones of national unity and security.

With men of that kind on the other side of the table, Britain did do a deal, underwritten by 2500 bandits in the jungle. Mr Marshall had nothing the experience nor the support which could command sufficient confidence across the table to allow sufficient room for manoeuvre on his side. Mr Lim's task is therefore plain: to obtain from his government approval to negotiate realistically, seeking what Singaporeans feel they are entitled to at this particular time—a substantial measure of self-government within a stated period.

US Now "Understands" French Aims In Africa

Washington, June 19.

The United States-French foreign ministers conference ended with understanding being reached on French aims in North Africa, the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau said.

M. Pineau, and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, spent two hours and 20 minutes with their advisers in the second of their meetings at the State Department.

They will meet again tomorrow, but M. Pineau said that this session would simply be for drafting a final communiqué.

M. Pineau told reporters after the meeting:

"We spoke about North Africa of Morocco and Algeria. I specified we did not want any aid of the American government, but only good understanding."

A correspondent asked M. Pineau if he thought the United States now had a clear understanding of French objectives in North Africa, and M. Pineau replied, "Yes." M. Pineau said that he and Mr Dulles then passed on to an exchange of ideas on the Arab-Israeli friction in the Middle East and discussed the question of French and American arms shipments to that area.

This problem he said, was very complicated and he did not intend to discuss the course of the talks.

More Trade

Mr Pineau disclosed that he had pressed for increase in trade between France and the United States. It had been agreed he said, to set up a joint Franco-American committee of trade experts to work on this problem.

He said that the United States and France had "agreed to regret" the attitude of the Soviet Union towards the Middle East situation.

M. Pineau said that in this regard he was disappointed in the Soviet decision to back the Arabs in the United Nations when a British resolution aimed at conciliation was beaten.

The Soviet stand had gone against assurances given him by the Soviet leaders, M. Pineau said.

He said he believed that the Security Council was "perfectly adapted to resolve these difficulties between the Arabs and Israel."

Other Subjects

M. Pineau said that the talks ranged over a number of other subjects including curators, the supplies of essential raw materials, the Sea and general North Atlantic Treaty Organisation relations.

M. Pineau said he had explained two of France's great difficulties, the cost of the common market with regard to social charges and the inclusion of French territories overseas in the common market.

"After we examined the question of trade between the United States and France we charged experts to resolve this problem," M. Pineau said.

"This will be a long job and of course it is aimed at increasing trade and it will take intricate negotiation."

M. Pineau said that he and Mr Dulles had also discussed Indo-China and specifically France's frontier obligations in Vietnam.

The question of elections in Vietnam, set under the Geneva armistice agreement for July, was not raised.

Algeria Question

M. Pineau said that the United States had not changed its position with regard to support for France in the Algerian matter in the United Nations Security Council.

Asked if he was able to give Mr Dulles an optimistic account of the situation in Algeria, M. Pineau replied: "Not so optimistic. We have some difficulties. But we know perfectly that we hope to surmount them alone."

One correspondent asked him if he would put his finger on what he regarded as the most important aspect of his Washington talks.

M. Pineau said with a smile: "Everything was important."

To another question about the prospects of Franco-American limitation on arms shipments to the Middle East, M. Pineau said:

"It is a very difficult question on each country has its own position about each question concerning supplies to Israel or the Arab states."

M. Pineau said he did not know whether he would have the opportunity to see President Eisenhower, recovering from a major stomach operation in hospital, before his official visit to the United States.

Earlier today M. Pineau conferred in Congress with Senator Walter George, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and briefly addressed members of the Senate from the floor of the chamber.

In that speech he said he was satisfied that his Washington talks would "strengthen further the ancient and stout ties of friendship which linked France and the United States."

Security Council And Algerian Question

New York, June 19.

It was officially announced today that the United Nations Security Council would meet on Thursday to consider the 13-nation request that it consider the Algerian question.

It was expected that the Council would meet twice on Thursday in the hope of disposing of the issue.

Dr Bjalal Abdoh, of Iran, is expected to be the sole speaker for the 13 countries which have sponsored the debate.

The Council is expected to concern itself solely with the question whether it should place the matter on its agenda.

France will oppose any such action on the ground that Algeria is a department of Metropolitan France and that the issue therefore is essentially one of domestic concern.

Britain was expected to side with France against inscription of the item. Observers said that there was no hope that the proposal for debate would obtain the necessary seven vote majority.

Iran and the Soviet Union were reported to be the only two Council members which were certain to vote in favour of placing the issue on the agenda.

Yugoslavia, it was stated, might also vote in favour of such a move, but it was reported that there was no certainty about it.

In these circumstances, the consensus at UN headquarters was that the 13 states would not ask to be heard individually and that they would be content with placing their views on Algeria's future before the bar of world public opinion.

Usually well-informed sources speculated that the Arab states, through Dr Abdoh, would not call for a vote on the proposal to place the matter on the agenda in view of the almost certain defeat for such a move.

Instead, these sources said, the Council might be asked to take the situation in Algeria under study.

In these circumstances, the sources explained, the Council would not have to take a decision on the matter and Arab feelings would be met.

—Reuter.

Amazing Case Of The 39 Stillborn Babies

IT WAS ALL DONE BY AN EMBEZZLER

Glasgow, June 19.

One of the most sordid cases of embezzlement in British criminal history was revealed today after the discovery in a maternity clinic morgue of the bodies of 39 stillborn babies.

The bodies were found on Friday last stacked in six empty tea chests in the morgue. The police at first thought they might have been the results of abortion operations. But after checking with the parents of the babies stillborn in the clinic, they established that all 39 had been born dead.

The parents had paid small sums of money to a clinic employee for the burial of the babies. Instead of arranging their funerals, the employee was depositing the bodies in tea chests in the clinic morgue. The clinic employee who placed the stillborn babies in the tea chests had made a total of

TERRORISTS HURL BOMB AT CHAPLAIN'S CAR PRIOR TO BURIAL OF 19 FIRE VICTIMS

Nicosia, June 19.

The blast of an extremist bomb today began the last salute to 19 British soldiers killed in a flash forest fire set by the fleeing guerrillas "general".

George Givra, Cypriot extremist, hurled the bomb at a chaplain's car as Army trucks transported the bodies of the dead to Waynes Keep Military Cemetery. The bomb missed the car but injured three bystanders.

The final salute continued with the playing of the national anthem and the playing of the bugle. The Royal Commandos, who lost two men in the fire, and the black berets of the Norfolk Five Norfolk soldiers died in the flames. All the dead were young men, more than half of them 20 or younger.

"Flowers of the Forest". The deadly fire had wiped out a whole platoon of the Scotsmen.

The Highlanders' bonnets bobbed side by side with the green berets of the Royal Commandos, who lost two men in the fire, and the black berets of the Norfolk Five Norfolk soldiers died in the flames. All the dead were young men, more than half of them 20 or younger.

A common grave held 17 of the soldiers. The other two, Roman Catholics, were buried in separate graves.

Norfolk bugles sounded. A squad of soldiers lifted their rifles and ended the salute with a volley that cracked over the small Cypriot plain, past the soldiers with tommyguns, who rimmed the cemetery. The graves were filled in. Nearby, white crosses marked the resting places of 34 other British servicemen killed in the 18-month-old Cypriot extremist campaign of killing.

In the high, rugged Troodos Mountains where the 19 died, their comrades continued the grim search for the extremist leader. Last night masked extremists used shotguns to kill a Greek Cypriot at a mining club in the Malakia Mountains area.—United Press.

ISRAELI GOVT SURVIVES VOTE

Jerusalem, June 19.

Premier David Ben Gurion tonight won an overwhelming vote of confidence from Israel's Parliament, thus ending the "little crisis" caused by the resignation yesterday of the Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett.

However, the stormy issue of Mr Sharett's resignation split off from the Government majority the five members of the Progressive Party and one member of the religious Orthodox Party, who abstained.

The vote was 64 to 24, with six abstentions. The vote came after a long parliamentary debate on the "real reason" for Mr Sharett's resignation.

Mr Ben Gurion, in a long speech, said that the reason was the necessity of greater co-ordination of Israel's military and foreign policy in face of an increasing military danger threatening Israel.

Opposition candidates declared that responsibility for the failure of the policy followed by Mr Sharett should be shared by all members of the Government.

Mr Ben Gurion said that Israel's moral and administrative forces should be co-ordinated to meet the danger from Arab countries.

Israel would not embark on a "preventive war," he said. But at the same time, Israel would reply to force by force to make its territory respected.

The Premier said that Israel had shown its desire for peace in co-operating with the United Nations Secretary-General, Dr Dag Hammarskjöld, during his recent fact-finding mission to the Middle East. Although Israel did not think the armistice agreements were ideal, she was ready to abide by them if the Arab States would do the same, he said.—France-Press.

POET'S SISTER FOUND DEAD

Cambridge, Mass., June 19.

Miss Margaret D. Elliot, sister of the British poet and dramatist, T.S. Elliot, was found dead in her apartment here yesterday. She was 38.

Police said death apparently was due to natural causes.

The body was discovered after neighbours notified the building superintendent; they had not seen Miss Elliot for several days.

The American-born Elliot had visited his sister about two weeks ago. He suffered a heart seizure aboard the liner Queen Mary on his return trip to England.

The Elliot family was one of the earliest settlers in Massachusetts.—United Press.

Eschew That Lingering Kiss!

Durham, June 19.

Durham University authorities have warned students in two of their women's colleges that there must be no more lingering embraces with boy friends in public.

The warning appeared in a front-page story in the University's student newspaper, Palatine, entitled "Good Night Darling."

The principals of the two colleges say that lingering embraces lower the dignity of the colleges.

The article states: "Love-making is inevitable in a university—and it is popular; so popular in Durham that good night kissing outside the women's colleges has caused anxiety to the authorities."—China Mail Special.

Ike Not Leaving Hospital Yet

Washington, June 19.

President Eisenhower will leave Walter Reed military hospital "any time from the middle of next week on," General Howard Snyder, the President's personal physician, said today.

In answer to reporters' questions, General Snyder said the President's stay in the hospital would be "probably longer and certainly not shorter."—France-Press.

LIM'S VOICE, MARSHALL'S WORDS

Singapore, June 19.

Mr Lim Yew Hock, Singapore's Chief Minister, said tonight that he was very confident the next mission sent to London to ask for Merdeka (freedom) would "come back with the goods."

Mr Lim, speaking at a farewell dinner given to Mr David Marshall before he leaves for China and Japan tomorrow, said: "If we are going to fight for Merdeka it is essential that the people rise to the occasion with one united voice."

"They must show the Colonial Office the people of Singapore will not tolerate another refusal," he stated.—Reuter.

HE FINALLY GOT HIS WISH

Dessau, Egypt, June 19.

Ibrahim Madi, a butcher with a longing for a son and heir, said he had developed "some kind of psychological complex" about his wife every time she was about to give birth to a child.

For that reason, he told the Public Attorney when his wife's time was approaching, he should be locked up in the city goal.

"I think I will kill my wife if she delivers another baby girl," he said.

He was married nine years ago and had hoped for a son to learn the trade and eventually inherit the shop—but his wife gave him seven daughters in a row, he told the Public

JETS "BUZZED" WITHIN 30 YDS OF VISCOUNT

London, June 19.

Charles Cilmcke, captain of a British European Airways Viscount, which was "buzzed" by Greek fighter planes over Greece today, said here tonight that the Greek jets had approached within 30 yards of his plane.

He said: "I thought it was really dangerous. They were far too close for us to feel happy about it."

The "buzzing" incident, which a BEA spokesman called "the second incident of its kind within a few days," occurred as the British plane was intending to make a visual approach to Athens, Cilmcke said. He said the Greek planes "were Sabre jets with their dive brakes out and they flew in close formation. They flew in tight circles around our airplane."

Cilmcke, who made the statement on his arrival at London

airport, said his plane had been flying at about 14,000 feet at a speed of 200 miles an hour, when the incident occurred.

The BEA spokesman said "A Viscount airliner on the same route was circled by two Greek fighters" over the weekend, though the fighters had not come as close as they did today.

He said that when the first Viscount had landed at Athens, "It had been said that the aircraft had dived from the air-lane. The pilot had reported the complaint, but since the fighters had not approached closely, he had not reported the 'buzzing' until he had heard of the incident to the second Viscount."—France-Press.

Happy Days Are Here Again!

Cairo, June 19.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser today announced in Cairo that martial law in Egypt was forthwith ended, that all political prisoners had been freed and that censorship of the press was abolished.—France-Press.

Cyprus "Ultimatum"

London, June 19.

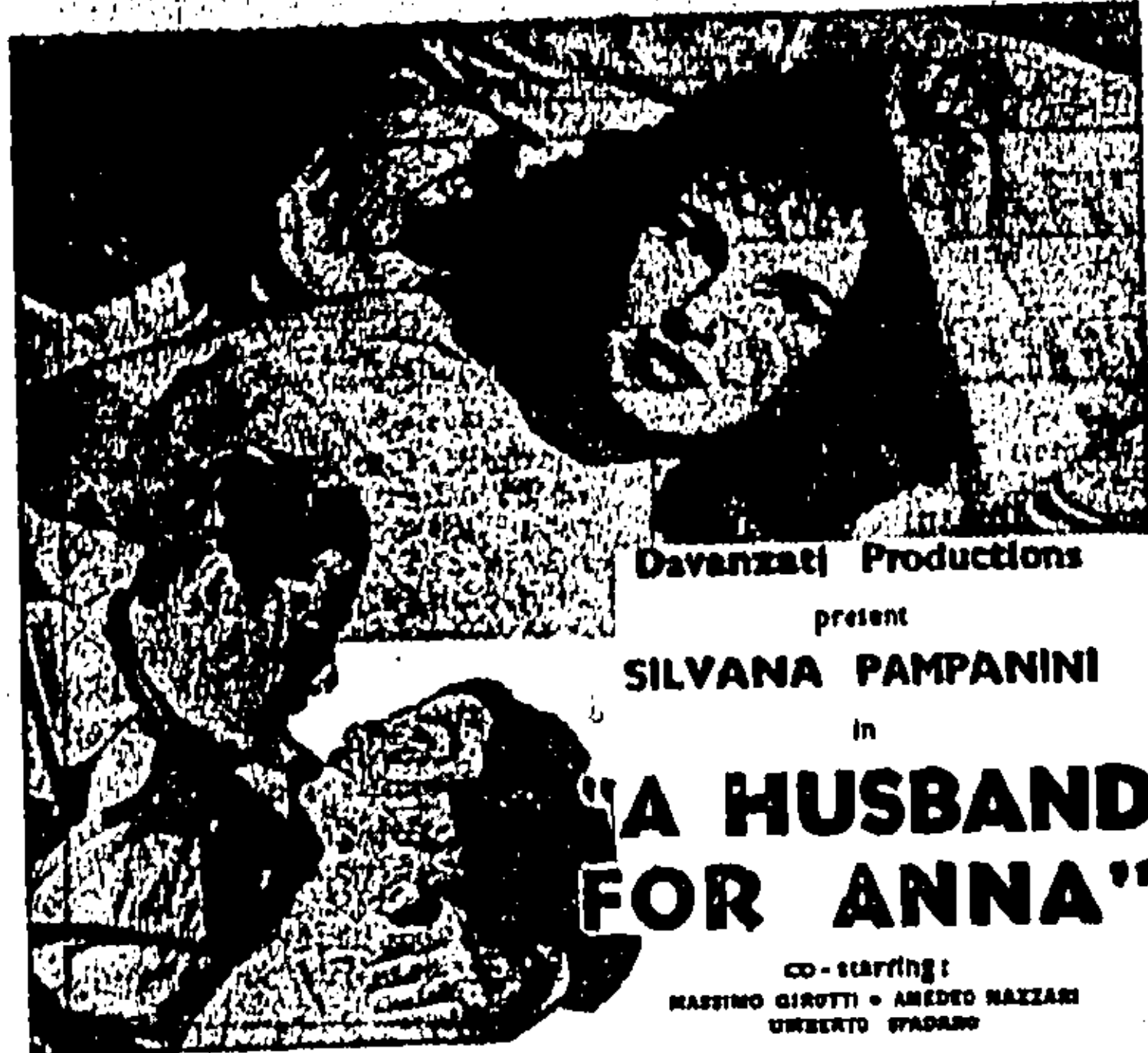
Turkey has told Britain she will send troops to Cyprus rather than have the island turned over to Greece, the Daily Mail said today.

The paper's diplomatic correspondent said Turkey had given Britain a "virtual ultimatum" to that effect. The paper said "responsive" Turkish sources in London confirmed this.—United Press.

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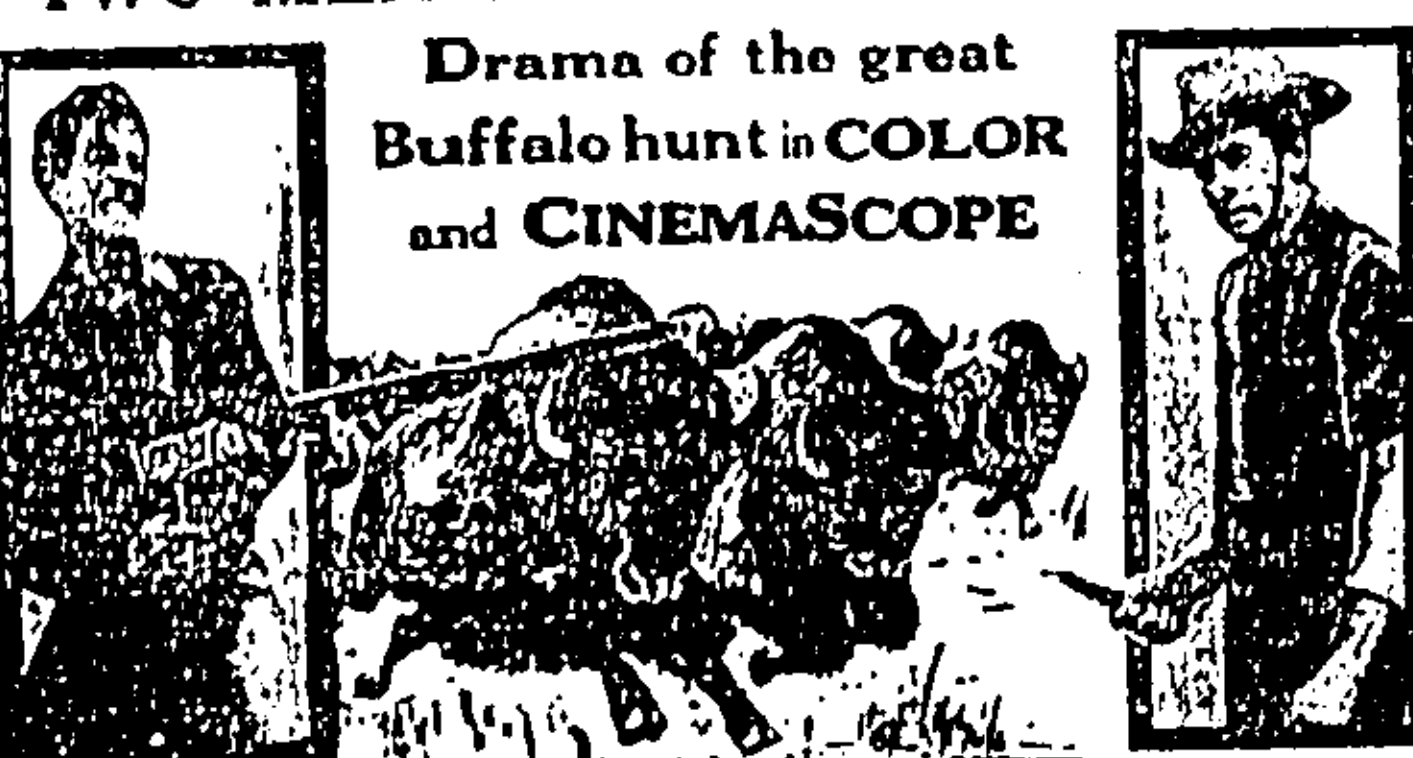
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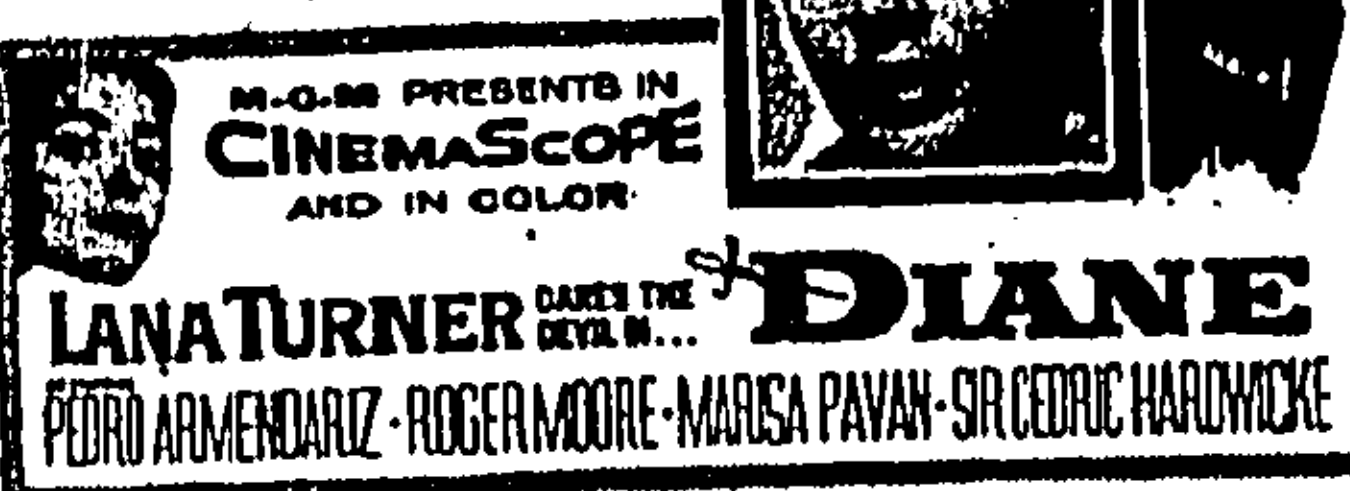
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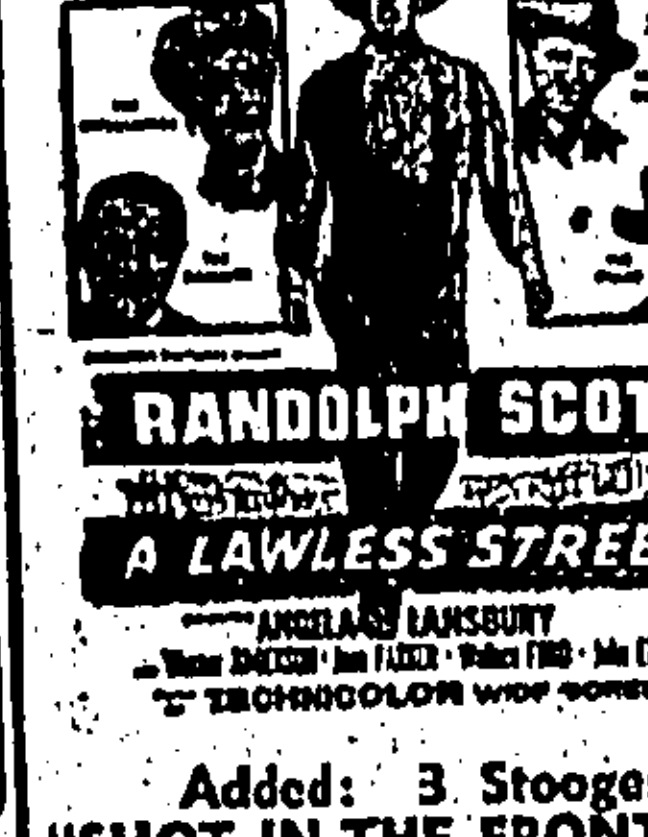
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MOON FLIGHTS BY 1971 IS NEW COMPANY'S AIM

Los Angeles, June 19.

A manned rocket flight to the moon in 15 years today was announced as the primary purpose of a new corporation headed by one of the world's leading missile authorities.

Dr John L. Barnes hailed the formation of System Laboratories Corps, of which he is President, as "the beginning of the space age."

Dr Barnes, Professor of Engineering and Instrumental systems, yesterday announced formation of the "first professional scientific organization in the United States designed expressly to do research and development in the field of inter-planetary space travel."

The first goal—"overcome the technical obstacles that still stand in the way of man's first flight to the moon."

Dr Barnes declared that "the conquest of outer space has already become a practical possibility that can be achieved within five to 15 years of intensive scientific and engineering work," saying he meant manned flight to the moon in 15 years.

Indonesia's Chief:

'Yes, We Are
Nationalists
But Not
Anti-Western'

Berlin, June 19.

At a city hall reception here today Dr Soekarno, President of Indonesia, said he intended by his world tour to show the world that the entire Asia and Africa had entered a period of nationalism, but that this era of urgency towards national independence had neither chauvinistic nor anti-Western content.

These countries sought the friendship and brotherly ties with all other peoples.

Dr Soekarno told of his youth as the son of poor parents, of his studies late at night by an oil lamp which had turned him into a "world citizen."

BIG BANQUET

His nationalism resulting from these studies had been born of love for his people and nothing else.

He has handed a copy of the West Berlin freedom bell and tomorrow will accept an honorary doctorate of the technical university.

Tonight Dr Soekarno attended a banquet at the city hall in his honour to which the Western allied commanders, the heads of diplomatic missions and all the leading citizens of West Berlin were invited.

A toast was drunk to Dr Soekarno, and he replied with a toast to the West German president and the governing mayor of West Berlin.—Reuter.

OLD DRUNK REPROVES THE JUDGE

Sydney.

A Sydney suburban magistrate nodded politely when a ragged old man in the dock wagged a reproving finger at him. The man had pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, and the magistrate was listening to the voice of experience.

"You had better watch yourself, young fellow," said the elderly man from the dock. "I've seen you going into hotels in this district—at least I think it was you."

"I know what drink can do to a man, but perhaps you don't. You start on beer and before you know what's happening you're on the metho."

Earlier he had admitted he was drinking methylated spirits at the time of his arrest.—China Mail Special.

Premier's Nephew Arrested On Passport Charge

Paris, June 19.

Ferdinand Bourguiba, nephew of Premier Habib Bourguiba, was arrested on the arrival from Paris last Saturday, where he had been seeking support for his uncle's political career, Salah Ben Youssef, it was disclosed today.

An official spokesman said Bourguiba was placed under arrest on charges of leaving Tunisia without a passport.

Ben Youssef sought refuge in Cairo earlier this year after he was ousted as Secretary General of Habib Bourguiba's Nationalist "Neo-Destour" Party.—France Press.

Dr Barnes displayed a small model of the proposed moon rocket.

The main rocket, resembling a huge tank tapered and rounded at one end, would be nuclear-powered. It would be surrounded by four chemically-powered booster rockets, nearly as long as the main rocket, which would be released after the unit was under way.

The nuclear rocket would continue alone to the moon. Dr Barnes pointed to development of the atomic submarine and work now under way on the first atomic aircraft. He said nuclear rocket propulsion "can be made practically fairly soon."

'MOST EFFECTIVE'

He said there are chemical rocket propulsion units now capable of taking a missile from the earth but that nuclear rocket propulsion is considered the "most effective source of power for space-cruising."

Dr Barnes said the proposed nuclear rocket would be about 100 feet long. In leaving earth, it would have to be speeded to about seven miles a second—the "escape velocity" from earth.

After leaving earth on its first journey of about 242,000 miles, it would continue at about the same speed, Dr Barnes said since no greater speed would be needed for an earth-moon voyage.

Dr Barnes outlined a three-stage plan: First, a rocket would be sent on a non-stop round-trip carrying only instruments. Then a flight would carry animals, and finally a crew of two men would circle the moon and return to earth.

GOVT TO HELP?

He said the firm, comprised of 28 people, mostly leading scientists, was now working on the difficult problem of propulsion.

The first was organized with a capital of \$1,250,000 much of it invested by the founding group. Dr Barnes hinted there was promise of government financing along the way.—United Press.

Forerunner To Moon Rocket



This is an artist's impression of the rocket that will carry the first man-made satellite to circle the earth. It will be the forerunner to bigger rockets that will eventually take man to the moon.

CALL FOR EARLY REFORMS

Paris, June 19.

Max Lejeune, Secretary of State for Defence, told the press today that Metropolitan France, Algeria and French overseas territories and departments must constitute a single Republic.

"Simple but dramatic reforms should be agreed upon and be scrupulously put into effect," he told a luncheon meeting of the Foreign Press Association.

Lejeune said the military situation in Algeria would be good except for the smuggling of arms to the rebels from other countries. He declared that arms had been smuggled in from Libya and said there had been a "certain complicity" in their delivery.

The rallying of Algerians to the French side was developing well, he said, but it was necessary to take advantage of this immediately by providing administrative reforms.—France Press.

PRAYERS FOR PEACEFUL USE OF ATOM

Trinity Site,
New Mexico, June 19.

The eleventh anniversary of the world's first atomic explosion will be celebrated at the test site here with international services to "seek guidance for the peaceful use of nuclear energy."

Government officials at the White Sands proving ground, where the explosion took place in the pre-dawn hours of July 16, 1945, have approved the ceremony suggested by the Rev. John J. Fier, a Franciscan father, and pastor of the nearby Roman Catholic Church of Tularosa.

The services will begin on the evening of July 18 and will be conducted in Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths—China Mail Special.

Now A \$50m Shipping Company To Carry Coal

Washington, June 19.

The US coal industry, the United Mine Workers Union and the principal coal carrying railways have joined hands in a \$50,000,000 corporation which will buy ships and immediately enter the coal exporting business.

This announcement was made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad President Mr Walter J. Touhy at the annual convention of the National Coal Association.

He called the new concern—known as American Coal Shipping, Inc.—an "unprecedented partnership" to protect the coal export market.

He pointed out that there was too much at stake to stand by and do nothing when we see that there are inadequacies in our international coal trade channels.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Mr Touhy said the new firm would promote the export of coal on the broadest possible basis. It proposed to enter immediately into the ocean shipping business by acquiring vessels of its own and placing them in the export coal trade.

He added "A fleet of ships has been put together that last year transported 38,000,000 tons of coal abroad—truly a great achievement," but he said "the quality and quantity of ocean shipping are limited. Herein lies one of our greatest problems. We need larger, better and more modern ships that can get the coal across the ocean at a cost low enough to hold the markets."

Mr Touhy said that it now cost as much to move a ton of coal across the ocean as it did to mine it, prepare and move it by rail to the waterfront.

STABILISING ECONOMY

Mr Touhy said the new company "could go a long way in stabilising the economy and peace of the world."

He noted that Europe could not supply its own coal needs mainly because of a declining labour force and low output per man.

"America has to take over the job," he added, "with coal producers changing capacity and reducing costs—with the 'solid backing' of the United Mine Workers."—China Mail Special.

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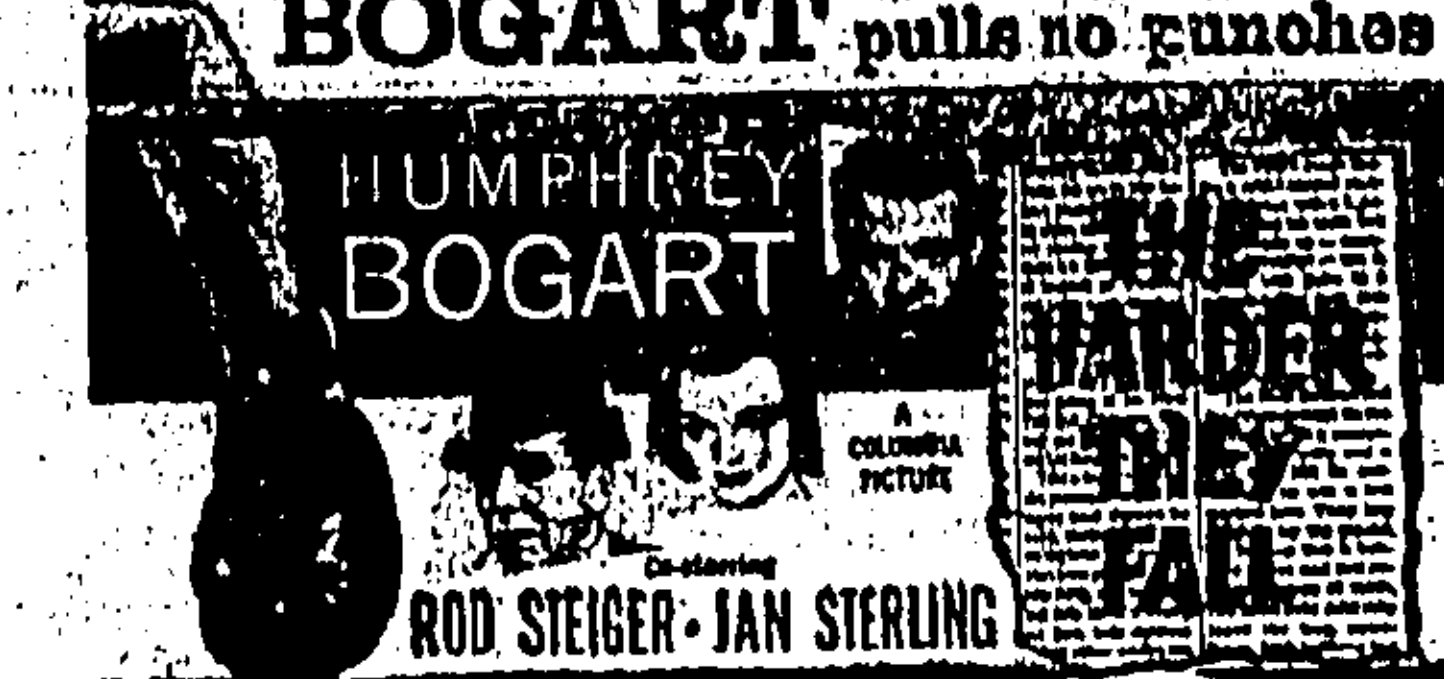
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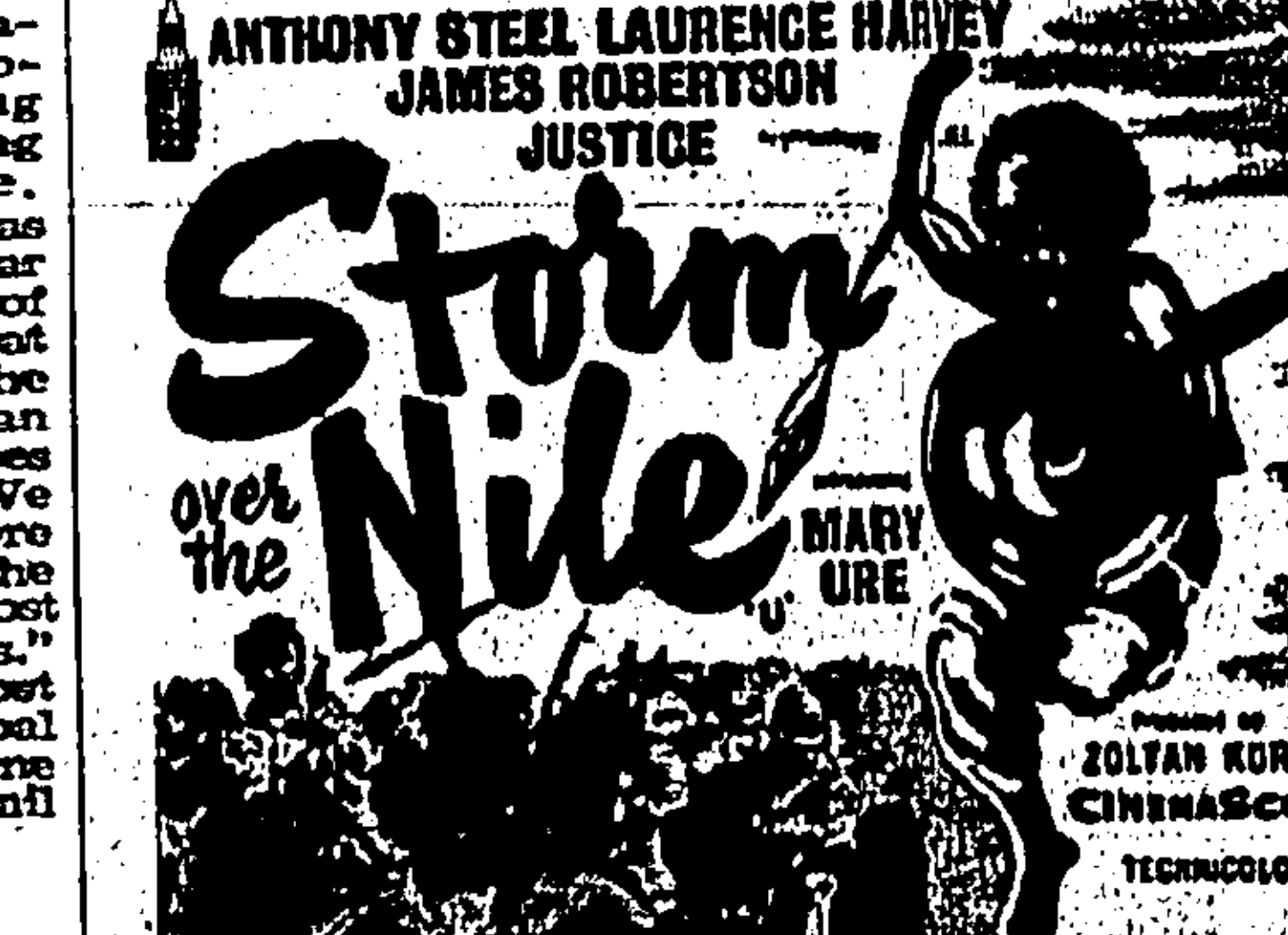
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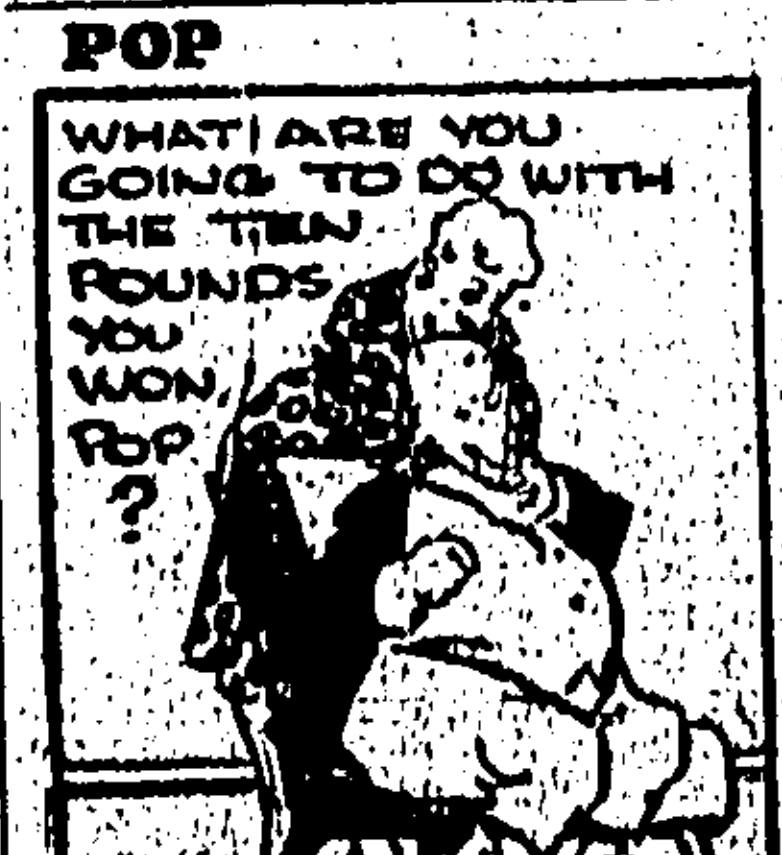
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SINGAPORE CUSTOMS SWOOP ON STUDENTS. DOCUMENTS SEIZED

Singapore, June 19.

Sixty pounds of suspected Communist literature was seized by customs men as 21 Singapore Chinese students returned here from the Bandung conference by the Dutch vessel *Baliante* on Saturday, it was disclosed today.

Director of Special Branch A. E. G. Blades said the literature which were brought back by the students from the Afro-Asian students conference at Bandung, was being examined by security officers. He said it was possible that some of the students might be charged in court if the literature was subversive in nature.

One of the returned students told police officers that Communist delegates had tried to influence certain members of the Malayan delegation and that lavish entertainment was provided by Chinese delegates at Bandung.

Among the documents seized was a cyclostyled "history" of the Singapore riots last May in which United Press Manager for Southeast Asia Gene Symonds was fatally beaten by student mobs.

Pineau Is Pleased With Talks

Washington, June 19.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, told Congress today that his Washington talks with American leaders were "very gratifying."

In a short address on the floor of the Senate, he said, he was satisfied the talks "will strengthen further the ancient and stout ties of friendship which link France and the United States."

He said both the American and French revolutions were conceived in liberty, for which the two nations had fought side by side in two world wars.

"In the name of this liberty, we are now more closely linked than ever to members of the North Atlantic alliance," he added.

PRIVATE TALKS

M. Pineau, now in the second day of a three-day series of conferences with Washington leaders, conferred in private this morning with Senator Walter George, the influential Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

M. Pineau and his group lunched at Congress with Senator George.

This afternoon M. Pineau and his advisers entered the State Department for the second round of his talks with Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State.—Reuter.

The student informant told the Singapore police that an attempt was made to distribute copies of this booklet at the conference but University of Malaya representatives succeeded in stopping it when they found that the so-called "history" was nothing but a "one-sided and tendentious document."

The police said he had been told that copies were later distributed secretly and privately.

TO BE QUESTIONED

The student informant said that several delegates particularly from Communist countries condemned colonialism but not one attacked "the apparent regimentation and lack of freedom in Communist countries."

Director of the Singapore Special Branch Mr. Blades said several of the returned students would be interrogated as soon as the documents have been scrutinized.—United Press.

MISSION TO INDIA

London, June 19.

A mission under the joint auspices of the Colombo Plan and the Federation of British Industries may visit India soon.

The Commonwealth Relations Office indicated this in an announcement tonight.

The mission is to advise on the further extensions of heavy machinery manufacturing capacity during the period of the second five year plan.

Members of the mission who will include representatives of leading British engineering firms will leave for India this autumn.—France-Press.

Grandma Shows A Leg!



That glamorous grandmother Marlene Dietrich, who has lost none of her shape, shows her legs for photographers at Orly Airport, Paris, on her arrival from New York. She was on her way to Monte Carlo where she is to make a film.—Central Press Photo.

Paris Tour For Chinese Delegation

Paris, June 19.

Madame Chou Nan, Secretary of the cultural delegation from China, now visiting Paris, said today the delegation was very satisfied with its visit to Paris—except for the weather.

The group made the most of yesterday's sunshine, after days of rain and cloudy skies, to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower, from which they enjoyed the magnificent view of the city below.

During the six days they have been here, the delegation has been very busy. Besides museums, they have visited the Renault automobile plants, the huge railway repair shop at Vitry, the courts of justice, the "Musée de l'Homme" (an archaeological museum devoted to the history of mankind) and the "Maison de La Poésie" (a philosophical conservatory).

AND THEN THE OPERA

At the "Maison", they were received by M. Eliezer, Director of the Comus Museum of Oriental Art.

Madame Chou Nan, who is Deputy Director of the North and West European Department at the Chinese People's Association for Cultural Relations with foreign countries, said these first contacts served well for an exchange of information and books of art, scientific and historical matters.

The delegation also attended a performance of Carmen at the "Opéra-Comique", national theatre. They will stay in Paris until July 25, when they will leave for a tour of provincial towns.—France-Press.

Z-O-O-M... SOVIET JETS CRASH THROUGH SOUND BARRIER

Moscow, June 19. Soviet MIG 19 jet fighters crashed through the sound barrier over Moscow today in a dress rehearsal for the national air show on Sunday at which Russia will show off its latest aircraft. Seven loud bangs startled Muscovites as fighters hurtled across the sky at speeds greater than 850 miles per hour.

The air show at Tushino airport, near the capital, will be the first Soviet show to include aircraft breaking the sound barrier. A new delta wing experimental aircraft, believed to be a fighter, will be shown for the first time. Western observers said the new delta wing aircraft would need a speed of 200 miles per hour to be airborne, indicating the use of rocket launching apparatus.

A new twin-jet medium bomber was also expected to be displayed at the air show, as well as an all-weather twin-jet fighter which can break the sound barrier in level flight.

Air Force leaders from more than 20 countries, including Britain, the United States and France, have been invited to attend. The foreign guests have been invited to stay in the Soviet Union for a week and are expected to be shown airfields and aircraft factories.—Reuter.

'WE'VE DELAYED TOO LONG' SAYS U.S. AIR CHIEF

And He Adds: 'We Need More Planes'

Washington, June 19.

General Curtis Lemay, Strategic Air Commander, has warned that only "emergency measures" will give the United States air supremacy over Russia, it was disclosed today.

He told the Senate Appropriations Committee in a closed session recently that the U.S. had "delayed too long" in building the Air Force "required to meet the Soviet threat in 1960".

His testimony was released today.

Dollars For Egypt

World Bank Chief Will Discuss Big Nile Dam

Cairo, June 19.

Mr. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank, arrived in Cairo tonight to resume talks with Dr. Abdel Moneim El-Khairy, the Egyptian Finance Minister, on the proposed World Bank loan to help finance Egypt's \$400 million Aswan High Dam.

After talks with Lieutenant-Colonel Gamel Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, in January this year, Mr. Black signed an agreement in principle for a World Bank loan of \$200 million. Details of this agreement are still to be worked out and will form the basis of Mr. Black's meeting with Dr. El-Khairy tomorrow.

The World Bank President is staying in Egypt only one day.

RUMOURS

His presence in Cairo has been coupled with unconfirmed rumours that Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, visiting Soviet Foreign Minister, had offered the Egyptian leaders Soviet aid to finance the high dam across the Nile.

The Soviet offer is reported to cover the whole sum of \$400 million, with interest at two and a half per cent. The plan would be to build the dam in under six years. Mr. Black is leaving Dr. El-Khairy tomorrow morning and will probably also see Gamel Nasser before leaving Cairo tomorrow night.—China Mail Special.

Scientist's Death

Moscow, June 19.

Professor Vladimir Obukhov, first Russian scientist to discover uranium in Siberia, died today aged 69. The Soviet Council of Ministers announced, according to the Soviet news agency, Tass.—China Mail Special.

ON THE WANE

But General Lemay warned that the air "supremacy which we enjoy today is on the wane. By 1960 the Soviets will have the superior strategic air force."

General Lemay recommended that a specific number of additional B-52 intercontinental jet bombers be built in the next few years. The exact number was not stated. The amount he is proposing would indicate, however, that he is thinking of a B-52 bomber fleet at least twice as large as the 900 B-52s planned by the administration.

He said: "This is just a requirement... we cannot do that. It is too late now. We have delayed too long."

He said it was "improbable" that such a required force could be built in the time involved and if it were procured, "we would be unable to man and support it properly... without emergency measures."

DID THEY REACH SUMMIT?

Pokhara, June 19.

The Argentine expedition to Dhaulagiri (26,795 feet) is today trekking back through heavy monsoon rains to this town 60 miles west of Kathmandu, but it is still not known whether they have conquered the mountain, the world's highest unclimbed peak.

Last reports from the expedition, dated May 23, stated that six camps had been established, but that avalanches every day and thunderstorms made climbing hazardous.

The mountain has defied previous Swiss, German, French and Argentine expeditions.—China Mail Special.

JAPAN TO PROBE ATOMIC ISLAND MYSTERY

United Nations, June 19.

The United States prepared itself today for an all-out attack in the United Nations Trusteeship Council for its nuclear tests in the Pacific Islands, following a Japanese report that a "super uranium" bomb was exploded there last week.

Britain, which plans to touch off the first hydrogen bomb in the Gilbert Islands next year, is also likely to come in for criticism as the Council began its annual debate on the Pacific trust territories.

The debate centred around a disclosure in a report of a U.S. military mission to the Marshall, Caroline and Marshall Islands, administered by the United States as a "strategic trust area" of the U.N. Trusteeship System, that natives moved from the test sites of Bikini and Eniwetok "voluntarily" away from the islands.

The report left the impression that the islands were too dangerously irradiated to permit human habitation again.

But U.S. spokesmen said the return of the natives was preceded by "construction work" going on at Bikini and Eniwetok. The indication was that security measures, involving construction of airstrips and other installations, kept the natives from their homes.

Delmas H. Rucker, U.S. representative on the 14-member Council, announced that he was ready to answer questions on the U.S. policy in the Pacific Islands. But he claimed no authority to meet criticism in advance.

The ship reported that the ashes it collected on June 15 contained both uranium-237 and neptunium-239, neither commonly known atomic or hydrogen bomb ingredients. The ship said it was the first time neptunium-239 had been found in ashes found after a nuclear explosion.

Petitions were expected to be put before the Trusteeship Council against Britain's plan to trigger an H-bomb at Christmas Island, in the Gilberts, next year.—United Press.

COGNÉ GETS TOP JOB IN MOROCCO



Rabat, June 19. General René Cogeny, 52-year-old veteran of the Indo-China war, was named today commander-in-chief of French forces in Morocco at the request of the Moroccan Sultan.

General Cogeny's main task will be to develop the fledgling armed forces of newly-independent Morocco. His replacement, General Gabriel Baugouard, who is expected to take over command in French Equatorial Africa.

General Cogeny was a former commander of French expeditionary forces in Indo-China and is considered one of France's top fighting generals.

GUERRILLA FORCE

Sultan Mohammed V. of Morocco, where French troops are now an "invited" force, specifically asked for General Cogeny.

He hopes he can accomplish with Morocco's nomad warriors what he achieved with the native Thak tribesmen in Indo-China four years ago.

General Cogeny organized the Thak into a formidable guerrilla force. He became known as the only French general who could beat the Communist Vietnamese at their own game of hit-and-run.—United Press.

FINNS ON WAY TO CHINA

Helsinki, June 19.

A Finnish parliamentary delegation left here by air this evening on a visit to China. The delegation was composed of members of each of the political parties and was led by the speaker of the House.

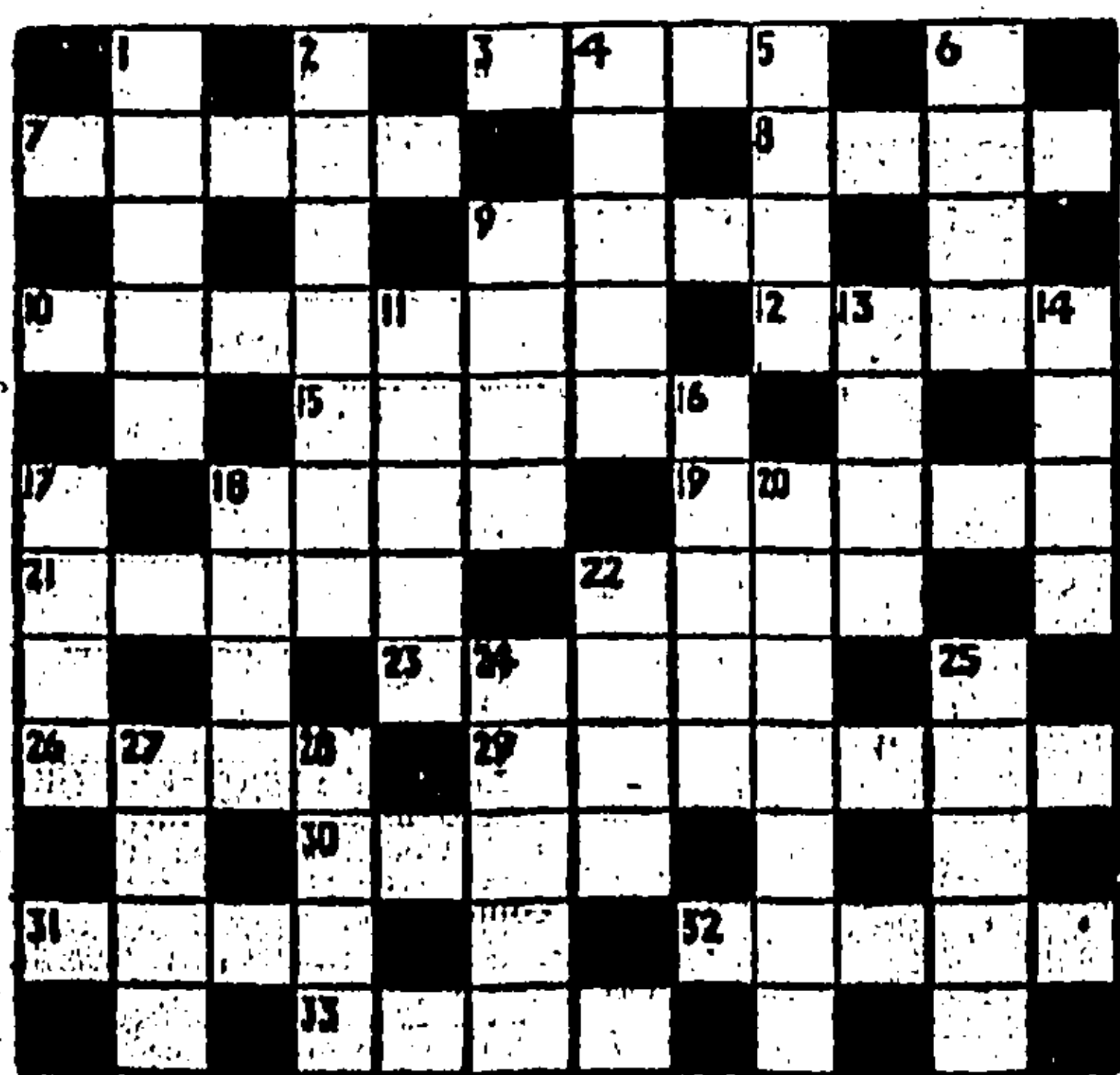
Two parliamentary secretaries, representing the Foreign Ministry, accompanied the delegation.—Reuter.

Mediation Offer

Damascus, June 19.

Syria may offer to mediate between India and Pakistan in their disputes over Kashmir, usually reliable sources said here today.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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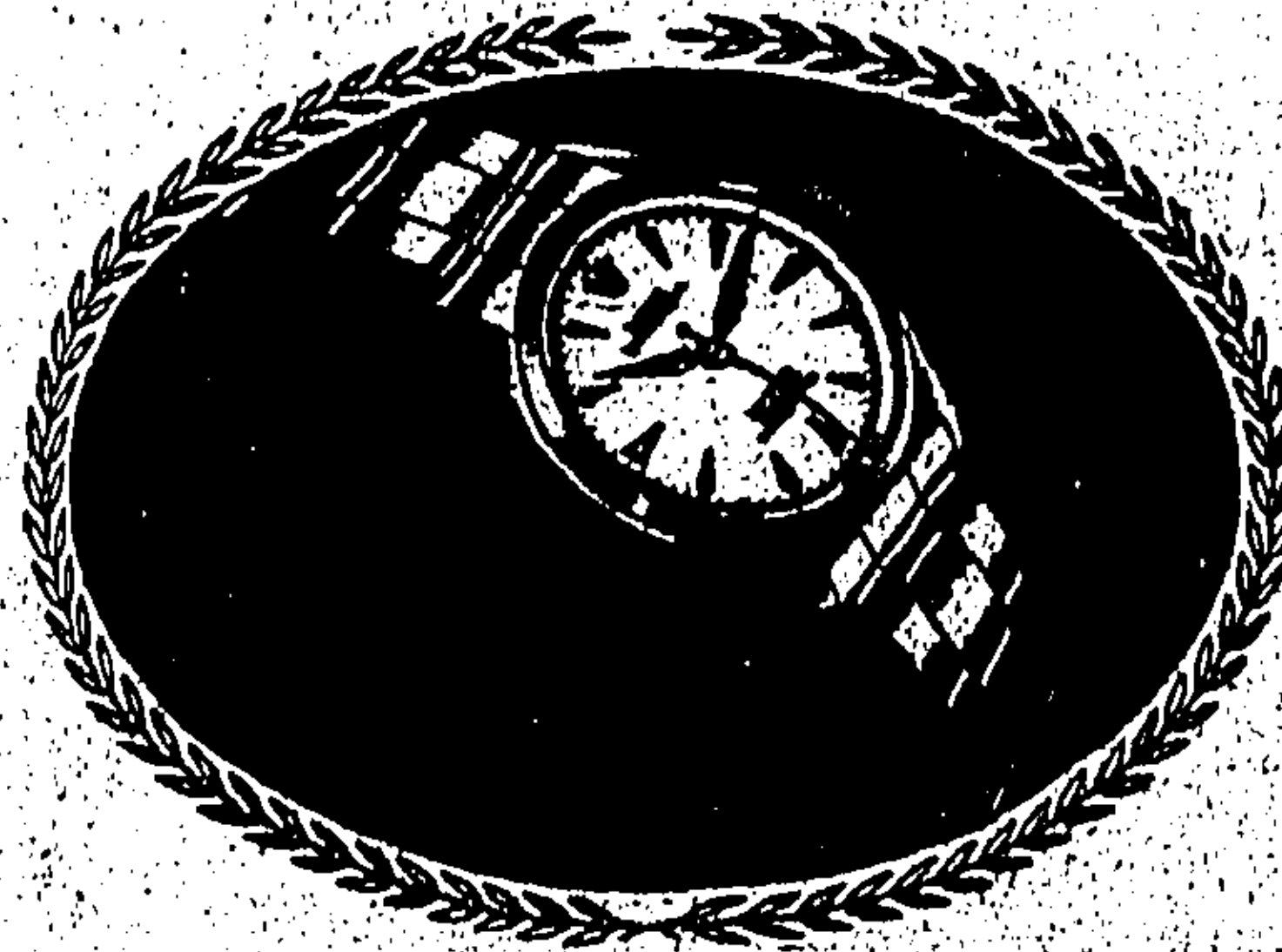
- 1 Good (4).
- 2 Vagrant (6).
- 3 Half-open (4).
- 4 Bang (4).
- 5 Flow from (7).
- 6 Jab (4).
- 7 Eat away (5).
- 8 Cut (4).
- 9 Dance (8).
- 10 Reduces (5).
- 11 Ceremonious (6).
- 12 Liquid measure (4).
- 13 Beg (7).
- 14 Peruse (4).
- 15 Insect (4).
- 16 Child (6).
- 17 Nuisance (4).

DOWN

- 1 Stuffs (5).
- 2 Famous (7).
- 3 Lost colour (5).
- 4 Incline (4).
- 5 Wall decoration (4).
- 6 Cease (4).
- 7 Get up (5).
- 8 Part (4).
- 9 Depleted (4).
- 10 Throw out (5).
- 11 Retain (4).
- 12 Symbol (4).
- 13 Draw (7).
- 14 Feel (4).
- 15 Distributes (5).
- 16 Jump (5).
- 17 Lazy (4).
- 18 Snore (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1. Lancer, 7. Ripe, 9. Mania, 10. Almo, 11. Push, 13. Malicious, 18. Seed, 19. Lead, 20. Shriek, 21. Sour, 22. Mad, 23. Tilt, 24. Tilt, 27. Tasted, 28. 2. Angry, 3. Cheat, 4. Franco, 5. Proposed, 6. Aves, 7. Tame, 12. Under, 14. Mole, 15. Enduring, 17. Usual, 18. Arrest, 20. Niece, 21. Echo, 22. Ohm.

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NATHANIEL CUBBINS

AS I was alone last week doing my own cooking, and as my birthday was approaching, I thought I would give myself a treat.

So I ordered a chicken just to show nobody in particular that a man alone can do more for himself than pounce a couple of eggs.

It was unfortunate that when the chicken arrived it reminded me of Marilyn Monroe.

Its little body was plump, rounded and white with powder (flour, I suppose). Its shapely legs were slim and although its claws had been removed, you could see it must have had the sweetest little ankle, when it was running gaily round the farm yard.

A lady named Marilyn, not only for her beauty but for her great talent, seemed a terrible thing to lay her pretty back on a greased pole, to butter her snowy bosom and put her into a heated oven.

It seemed a waste to kill her with savage heat, when altered circumstances would make her a superb and even more attractive.

But it had to be done, and when I had closed the oven door I walked to the box labeled to give me a piece of heavy duck and avoid having the first sizzle.

I returned with the hot chicken, looking in the beautiful, then even. She was a delicate brown all over, like a girl who had been sunbathing.

Was she cooked? I didn't know. So I gave her another 20 minutes to be on the safe side. Then I took her out of the oven, put her on a dish and carried her into the dining-room.

It was some time before I could find the courage to stick a knife into Marilyn, but three pink gas later, hunger made me hack away her beauty as if I had been born a cannibal. Marilyn was so delicious that I ate too much, forgot to put

her in the larder, and went to sleep, awoke to the sound of cunching bones and saw Lottio the Devil Cat and a friend sitting on the table tearing the little carcass to pieces.

Tall girl story

IT was in a magazine that I found this unhappy little story told in ten words.

"Six foot tall willing to sell wedding dress and accessories." It may be the story of a little man scared of his tall bride at the last minute and looking to foreign parts before the marital handcuffs were snapped on; or of a weeping quilter at a church in a wedding dress big enough to fit a Guardsman.

On the other hand the oft made may have been married and now wants to sell her wedding dress to another tall girl who has overcome masculine prejudice against big women.

It is a story she has little chance of telling. The number of men willing to marry off a tall girl is small.

Most men are quite properly nervous of women because unless you are a mind doctor or half a woman yourself you will not know what they are up to. That's why the majority usually choose small or medium-sized girls in the ridiculous belief that they are easier to handle.

Men who have married small women will know this is a great mistake. The smaller they are, the more aggressive and argumentative they are. The bigger they are, the more amenable and quieter they are.

Dog worshippers tell me it is the same with dogs.

First Test match

"I'm Keith Miller," shouted the little boy, hurling a rubber ball with all the

strength of an arm as thin as a stick of macaroni.

"And I'm Peter May," shouted the other little boy, sloshing the ball across the promenade with a toy bat.

It was an unofficial Test match being played outside the Sea Nest. The wicket was a lamp-post. The only other cricketer in the game was a tiny child who was wicket-keeper, first slip, second slip, leg slip and often running out to the boundaries far too late to make a catch.

Keith Miller, sweeping his hair back with a minute hand, turned to bowl the next ball of an over that had been going on for half an hour.

It was a sizzling yorker, straight and true. It hit on the leg and Miller yelled "Owzzat!"

"Not out," said May, popping another bit of toffee into his mouth.

"You're a dirty liar," said Miller. "That's three times you've been out now."

"Not out," said May, squaring up for the next ball.

You could see that Miller was getting mad. He next delivered a ball aimed at May's head. But it dipped suddenly, broke through the defence, and hit the lamp-post.

"I suppose that's not out?" yelled Miller.

"That's right," said May, shifting the toffee from one side of his mouth to the other.

This was in the tradition of the great Dr Grace, of whom it has been said that, after a lunch of steak and champagne, he once refused to leave the crèche when his middle stump had been knocked flat.

It was also too much for Miller, who rushed at May and tried to take the bat by force. It was a grim struggle with May and Miller both on the ground, snarling, kicking and punching. The little fieldsmen, who had no hope of an innings, kicked both impartially.

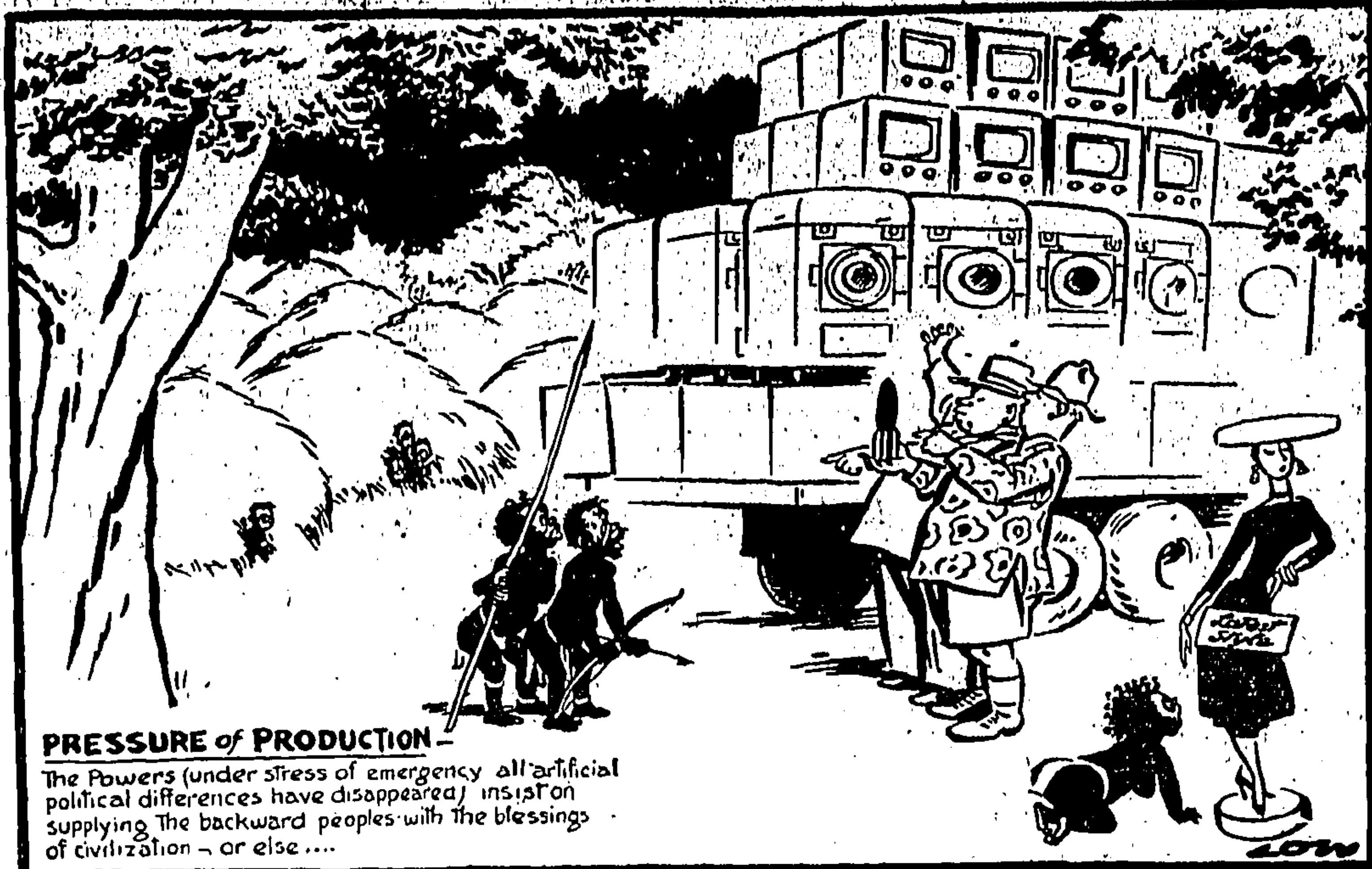
When the fighting cricketers were exhausted there was a tea interval, after which May came out to resume his crooked innings.

But there was no Miller to bowl to him. Miller had changed into his Davy Crockett costume and was firing arrows at May from a bedroom window.

After half-a-dozen arrows had whizzed past May's ear, he retired for cover behind the boats on the beach.

England's captain was out at last.

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THE PRESS-BUTTON AGE - 3

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That Makarios Rescue Bid Was Nonsense!

DO YOU CALL THIS A KIDNAPPERS' CREW?

Dzaoudzi, Comoro Island FROM Tananarive in Madagascar where men wear gangster tribbles and women carry babies on their backs, I flew down here to check on the last days of Eric Hunt, 42-year-old trader and ocean roamer.

And I have this to report:—

He was NOT on a buccanering trip to rescue Archbishop Makarios when his 120-ton schooner Hiariko was wrecked 80 miles east of here last month.

I have retraced his route by air and sea. I have talked to survivors of the wreck, French gendarmes, Customs officials and administrators. British consuls, French schooner captains, his hard-bitten competitors and friends, and Comoro Islanders.

And THE TRUTH is that Hunt died trying to save his normal crew of 13 Africans and 12 passengers—six of them women and children—his three pet cats, and a tame monkey.

THIS IS the story of the rescue that never came off. Prompted by a news despatch prominently "splashed" in the Daily Telegraph, London, the rumour got around eight days ago that a daring bid to rescue Archbishop Makarios from his island in the Seychelles had failed.

Donald Wise was sceptical. He organised an expedition—by plane, rail and boat—to get the full facts. The facts are fascinating and tragic—but very different from what the London paper said. . . .

By DONALD WISE

Is that the type of crew and passengers that a man would choose on a "commando" expedition to kidnap the exiled Makarios?

Dapper, beer-drinking Hunt was very popular here. A gay, legendary figure trading in rice, green anoles, coffee, cloves, and carrying passengers among the beautiful islands of this subtropical paradise.

The fastest way of collecting a punch on the jaw in this area is to suggest he was a smuggler or a bandit.

And I'm thinking that it would be a punch on the jaw Eric Hunt would hand out, if he were alive today, to anyone suggesting that he had set out in the Hiariko to kidnap the notorious Makarios.

THE TRUTH is that sharks attacked Hunt's one-man, you-you (dinghy) when he sailed off in it for help with his African cook and a Frenchman.

This "mystery" figure was a road engineer named Thomas-vitch, sacked from his job in Madagascar and seeking employment in the Comoros.

Man-eating sharks leaped over the 3in. freeboard and overturned the you-you.

Later, a French naval tug spotted three yellow Mae Wests slashed to ribbons, Hunt's shoes, money (£300), and shorts and papers belonging to "a Miss Jean Fowler."

This second "mystery" figure is no mystery. She is the 28-year-old Scots girl who married Hunt in the British consulate at Tananarive in July last year.

She was not aboard the Hiariko on its last run.

But the story—the true story—from the beginning . . .

Went Wrong

IT was on May 1 that Hunt's black and white schooner, "Best-kept boat in the island"—sailed from Majunga, 230 miles from Tananarive on the west coast, to Dzaoudzi, 200 miles to the north-west.

Let Abdulla Massoul, Hunt's Zanzibar skipper for five years, and 10-year-old Mariam, a frightened little Comoran girl with grave, saucer eyes—eyes implicit with truth—tell you how Hunt went wrong.

MASSOUL: We passed the Katsipo lighthouse at Majunga at 2 a.m. We carried 30 tons of cargo. There were no strangers with us. We had no guns.

MARIAM: I was with papa. It got rough. We stopped. I was sick.

(The Bengal Current, which swept the early Portuguese explorers from Mozambique to the East Indies, was carrying the Hiariko towards Nossi Bay, 100 miles to the northeast.)

MASSOUL: After 10 hours we started again, on a new course for Dzaoudzi. On May 3 we had not arrived. So we turned round to sail back to Majunga. We hit Geyser Reef at 4 a.m. next day.

(North-bound, they had passed successfully but unwittingly between Geyser and the Ilees Glorieuses to the east. They ground on the sand and coral bar when they backed.)

MARIAM: Papa and the men made a raft. He put me in the little boat with the other women and children on Massoul. The white man (Hunt) took the raft and our boat to his you-you with string.

MASSOUL: The you-you out-board motor was not strong enough to pull the boat and the raft. So Bwana Hunt went in the you-you to Dzaoudzi, which he knew as only 80 miles from the Geyser Reef. We rowed on, towing the raft.

MARIAM: Papa and the other men tried to come into our boat from the raft.

MASSOUL: They would have swamped us so I cut the rope.

MARIAM: I was in the boat for 17 days. I was hungry. I collected rain in my clothes to drink.

Four of the nine people in Mariam's boat were dead when it washed ashore at Moroni, having drifted 180 miles. The men on the raft and the two men with Hunt in the tiny you-you were never found.

Seven Knots

HER mast down, the Hiariko lies on Geyser Reef today. She is visible from the air 20 miles away. If the passengers had stayed on board they would have been saved.

That is the TRUE story. Who can doubt it as told by Massoul and the innocent-eyed Mariam?

And now emerge these new facts to give the double-lio to the report that Hunt and the Hiariko was bound on a mad kidnap adventure.

If Hunt were headed for Mahé, in the Seychelles, 830 miles northwest of Majunga, he should have been travelling on a course 35 degrees further east.

There is not one single indication that Hunt had ever thought of going to the Seychelles at any time. His wife, who is expecting a baby, was waiting at Dzaoudzi for him to take her on to Zanzibar.

Is that the time a man would choose for such a madcap expedition? Hardly.

Hunt's schooner could make only seven knots and carried no radio transmitter—a remarkable fact for a schooner, raiders who would have to be in contact with Eolea organisers and be fast enough to shake off pursuers.

Hardly the ship for such a tip with such a commander.

THE TRUTH is that Hunt never planned to kidnap Makarios—and he would have got away with it if he had tried.

The Deuxième Bureau (secret police) made a point of contacting "me" to say that Hunt was "an honest man." For me, too, Hunt was "honest."

The Risks Atom Smith Will Run

From Christopher Dobson

New York.

BILL Smith is an ordinary man. He worked in the factory for 25 years, took a few knocks in the machine-room, squashed his thumb once—but nothing serious—and the firm gave him a gold watch when he retired.

He is the Bill Smith of the past and present.

But what happens to the Bill Smith of the future, the man who is going to work on atomic projects, who is going to be exposed to radioactive materials?

No squashed thumbs for him, but here in America they calculate that a man who retires after working for 25 years in an atom factory will, under present safety conditions, LOSE five years of his life.

A year's work in a factory—five days a week, eight hours a day—will shorten a man's life by about 78 days.

TOO LAX

These calculations have emerged from a series of independent studies made throughout the United States by various scientific organisations.

They all say the present safety standards are much too lax and that before the private enterprise atom factories come into use, the standards must be tightened.

These factories are planned as a network throughout the United States and will employ thousands of people.

The main worry of the scientists, however, is not the shortening of workmen's lives but the effect of radiation on their descendants. The effect of continual exposure to radiation is for a father to pass on to his children certain "mutant" cells.

These are not the mutants of the science fiction books—producing creatures with three heads and four legs. That is an old wives' tale, says Dr Hermann Muller, a Nobel Prize biologist working on this problem.

The result, he says, would be a slightly greater than average tendency to illnesses like rheumatism or gastric ulcer or possibly a lower degree of intelligence.

THE COST

The main danger is that these characteristics are then passed on from generation to generation and instead of dying out often grow more marked.

What is to be done? Muller says the cost for providing adequate safety measures will amount to only an additional hundred dollars per man a year. He adds: "Let us not wait for several decades until the untimely deaths begin to become conspicuous."

And anyway, as he points out, the secrets of shortened life and dangers to children—previously kept hidden—are "creeping out of the technical publications and it will not be long before the worker knows."

Well, now he does know. I am sure he will demand adequate safety precautions before working in the atom factories. In fact, the Bill Smith of the future might, well forgo his gold watch when retiring—and accept a gold-plated geiger counter.

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HOME TOWN BOY IN CHINA ASKS: DARE I RETURN?

HE looks like a typical, clean-cut American college boy. He is tall, slim, well-built, and muscular. He has chestnut-coloured hair, he laughs constantly, and is pleasant and well-mannered. He is very handsome and hails from Oklahoma City.

As he stoops to play another shot in a billiards game—in a sports centre in the old market of Peking—there is only one thing wrong with the picture:—

Twenty-two-year-old David Hawkins, formerly of the 4th Artillery, U.S. Army, is one of the chaps who chose to stay with the Chinese after the armistice in Korea.

And now David is starting to regret his decision. He's getting bored and fed-up.

"You know, I miss certain things badly," he told me as he chalked his cue. "I miss my friends back in America. I miss not having a car of my own. I miss riding a pushbike here. I miss the movies."

Will he go back?

"Well, I there gonna be trouble waiting for me down there at the end of the line if I go home? I guess there is—and nobody wants to trouble."

David Hawkins is a most attractive fellow—you like him

RENE MacCOLL meets an ex-G.I. over a game of billiards in Peking and asks: What is the answer to this problem?

at once. He discusses matters objectively and without any attempt at self-justification or self-pity.

"I agreed to be a typist for the newspaper the Chinese published in our P.O.-W. camp, and I guess that made me a collaborator."

As David bends again to strike a cannon off the cushion, one sees his forearm is tattooed. Ironically it is the American Eagle, done the last night he was in the States before sailing for Korea.

Hawkins was adopted soon after his birth by Mr and Mrs William S. Long (she is a Methodist minister in the U.S.A.), but to his relief he stoutly refused to plead that he is one of the fashionable "crazy mixed-up kids" who have apparently swarmed into the world because of childhood traumas.

"My foster parents were wonderful to me," he says, "and I'm mighty fond of them. I hear from them in letters all the time. They keep telling me to come on home and face the music, but honestly I'm a bit scared of that."

David joined the army at 15 and claims that when he was sent to Korea he "didn't know why we were there, what we were doing, or what Communism was all about."

He went to Peking University for 18 months and there learned good, colloquial Chinese.

A further complication in his life is that he is engaged to a charming White Russian girl and so, even if he finally chooses to return to America, nobody knows whether she too could get an exit visa.

He says: "My fiancée is the finest typist in Peking—she's really sharp."

David himself services motor taxis; he says he's paid about £40 a month "and on that you can live quite comfortably here."

If he doesn't take the plunge and ask to be sent back to America he will try to get a job as chauffeur with one of the embassy embassies in Peking.

"I'm no Communist," he says, "and I never go to their 'discussion meetings' any more. In fact, I'm against Communism. I'm a Protestant by religion and proud of it."

As we walked together out into the silent, night-time streets of Peking, David asked me: "What do you think? Would he be tough with me if I went back?"

I didn't know the answer.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Partnership Play Is Defence Key

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S no trick to defeat four spades in today's hand when you see the cards. At the table, seeing only your own hand and the dummy, you might have an anxious moment or two.

West opened the five of clubs, and East with the ace. East switched to the king of diamonds, and next led the seven of diamonds. South false carded by playing the eight, and West won with the ace.

West now had to make an important decision. Should he lead a third diamond, or should he try to cash the king of clubs? If he made the right decision he would defeat the contract; otherwise South would steal the game.

There is a clue, if East is known to be a good player. A good East is quite aware that the defenders must try to win four tricks in clubs and diamonds. If East has five diamonds, he knows that only two diamond tricks can be won.

NORTH		30
♠ Q81		
♥ A Q J 10		
♦ J 9 4		
♣ Q 7 4		
WEST		
♠ 10 5		
♥ 8 6 2		
♦ A 5 2		
♣ K 10 6 5 3		
EAST		
♠ J 7 4		
♥ 7 3		
♦ K Q 10 7		
♣ A 9 8 2		
SOUTH (D)		
♠ A K 8 7 3 2		
♥ J 10 4		
♦ 8 6 3		
♣ J 6		
Neither side vul.		
South West North East		
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass		
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass		
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass		
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass		
Opening lead—♠ 5		

Here East will follow the king of diamonds with the queen, intending to hold the lead and switch back to clubs.

Since East didn't try to win the second round of diamonds, he cannot have as many as five diamonds. For this reason, West is safe in leading a third diamond.

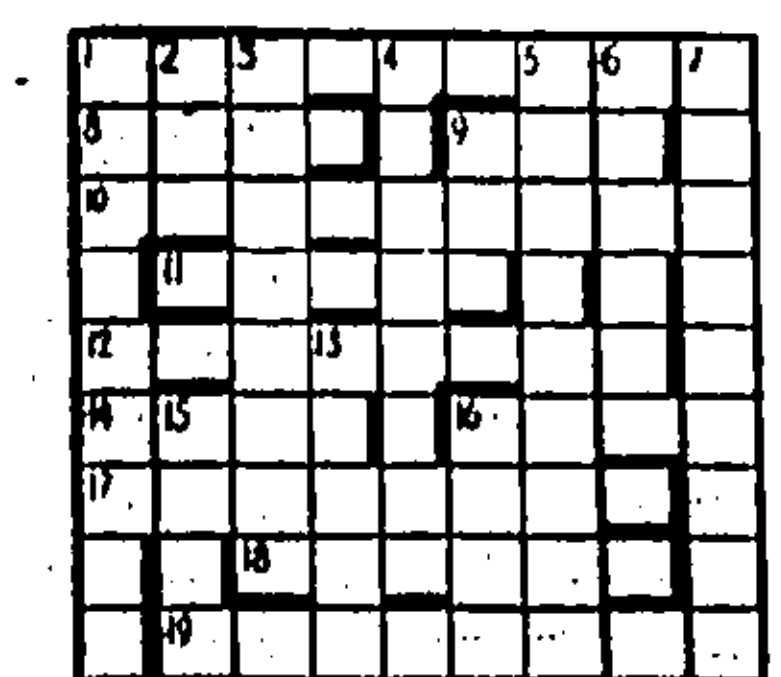
Confidence in your partner is the cornerstone of good defensive play.

♥+CARD Sense+♥

Q—The bidding has been:
North ♠ 2 Clubs 2 Dms. Pass
East ♠ 2 Clubs 2 Dms. Pass
South ♠ 2 Clubs 2 Dms. Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A K 7 2 ♠ Q 8 1 ♠ A K J 8 4
What do you do?
A—Bid two spades. You will next raise hearts, hinting at the singleton club. If North can try for a slam you will be well satisfied.

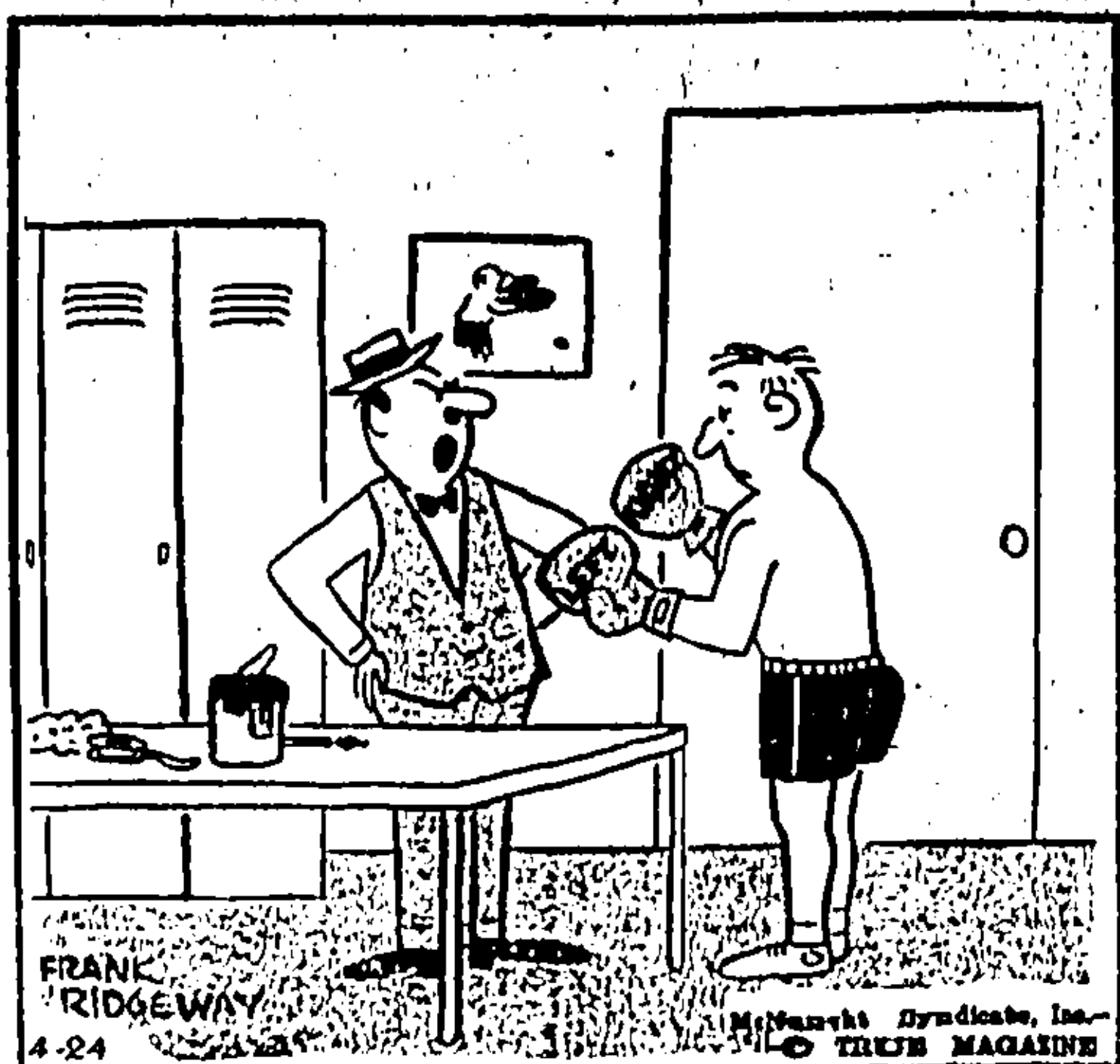
TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ A 7 3 ♠ Q 8 1 ♠ A K J 8 4
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



- Across
- They don't actually fly the planes. (9)
 - If you're all in the same one, there isn't much difference. (5)
 - Cutting river in Somerset. (5)
 - She has a nice clean job. (4)
 - A little for the race meeting. (3)
 - Ways across the lowlands. (8)
 - Obello knew him. (4)
 - After the bird, nothing for a Dictator. (4)
 - Import. (6)
 - The planet comes from the sea. (6)
 - Corners. (1)
- Down
- You'll take no notice if you're this. (6)
 - There's a B. A. across. (8)
 - Share as in (anagram). (8)
 - You can never do this if you double your stake. (6)
 - Exit shore for a change. (6)
 - In the rest. (6)
 - They keep the window in trim. (6)
 - The painting business—well in good. (6)
 - By return it's raining and. (6)
 - One rod. (6)
 - July. (4)
 - It's a red. (6)
 - There's a. (6)
 - By 20. (4)

This Funny World



"Think you can remember now?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

BORN today, you have a talent for eye-catching administration and organization. You know how to plan your life well ahead and then follow through with action. No idle day-dreams for you! You know what you want and how to go about getting it. You have a good head for business, and the chances are that you will be able to accumulate considerable material wealth during your lifetime. Not that you appear to concentrate on money-making. You just know how to make each penny count—and how to turn pennies into dollars.

You are one to be trusted with responsibility, can manage people tactfully and can make them enjoy following your direction. Although you like to convince people that you are highly practical—which you are—you do not always give due credit to the power and force of your intuitions. Follow those hunches of yours and you will be able to make quick decisions which put you ahead of even your closest competitor.

You men might do well in politics. But you would have to be given your head. You would never make a party wheelerhorse, but would need to be the leader. You women, while you might be highly successful in a career, never will be completely happy unless you have your own home and family to care for. You are loving and affectionate, fond of children and will enjoy life more by running your own family than running a business. Among those born on this date are: Lillian Hellman, playwright and producer; George H. Dyer, author; Raymond L. Dittmar, naturalist; John T. Morgan, and Benjamin H. Davis, statesman; Joseph L. M. Wilson, engineer; and Errol Flynn, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Business interests at some distance may take up your interests now. Involvement with relatives is possible.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Haste only makes waste this day, so be cautious in all that you undertake. Plan everything wisely.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If your business takes you travelling, then this should be one of your good days, especially if you are in selling.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be cheerful, for there may be considerable activity to try your patience. Stay calm.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Test all new offers made today and be sure that they are worth-while before committing yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Morning hours can be difficult. Go slowly until after lunchtime. Then act. The evening hours are fine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You will need plenty of sleep, common sense during the morning hours. The day improves later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You may be able to be of help to a neighbor today. Offer your services, without being asked, this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your happiness may depend upon your being very cautious today in making up your mind about something of importance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—This morning, count ten if tempted to answer in anger. Best to say nothing than blurt out the wrong thing.

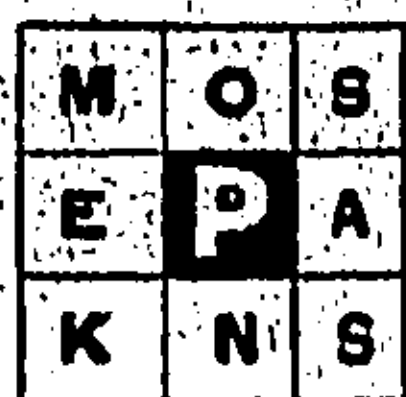
HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Limp, dull straw in hats or other summer accessories can be stiffened and brightened with one or more coats of clear shellac, mixed with an equal part of denatured alcohol.

Stains in the bottom of a tall slender vase can be removed by using a tea leaves soaked in vinegar. Drop the moistened leaves into the vase and shake until the stains have disappeared.

A small paintbrush is ideal for brushing away the lint that collects around the needle and bobbin case of a sewing machine.

TARGET

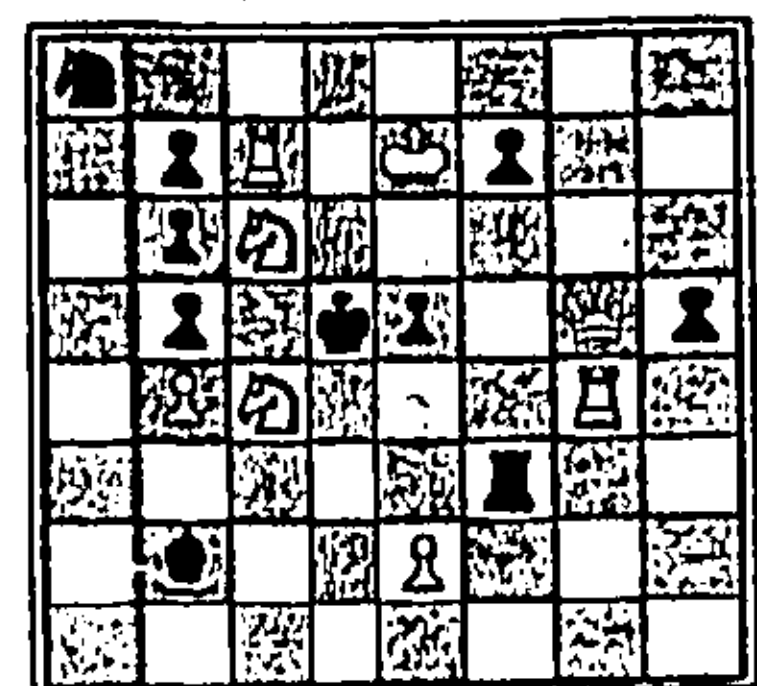


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CHESS PROBLEM

By J. J. CORNEJO
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 3 pieces.
White to play mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-K5, any 2. Q R. or Kt (ch. or dis ch) mates.

WOMANSENSE

You Can Always Laugh It Off!

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

"A MERRY heart doth good like a medicine," say the Proverbs of Solomon, "but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Or you may like better the little couplet which says "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone."

Laughter is an attribute which is said to be confined exclusively to man. This will give some argument because there are those who say that animals can laugh. At any rate, laughter is certainly characteristic of man.

LIFE'S IRRITATIONS

The ability to laugh is an index of character, disposition and personality. Life is full of little irritations. The person who can shrug these off with a laugh and go on about his business, is very much happier

than he who builds molehills into mountains.

In every group where many persons are assembled, there are different ideas about how things ought to be done. This begins with such basic matters as heating, ventilation or lighting, for example, in an office.

I had an employee once who made quite a fuss about sitting directly under a fluorescent light because of a firmly held belief that this exposure would produce baldness. Such a situation can either be explosive or it can be resolved with good humour and a laugh by suitable compromise, change of desk locations, judicious use of screens or such other measures as the situation may demand. The difference in how a matter of this kind is handled can be reflected extensively in the lives of the workers in such a situation because they may carry home with them the atmosphere of the job.

relaxed atmosphere. Or it can be met with truculence. In that case no matter who wins, both lose; so does the sales person.

The very act of laughter, especially the vulgarly so-called belly laugh, is beneficial to the human organism. It brings many muscles of the body into play and the pressures created in the abdomen and chest cause the circulation to improve, the lung spaces to be ventilated and the vital organs to be stimulated by the increased flow of blood.

Even a smile carries with it reflexes which are favourable; whereas the gloomy expression, the frown and the morose disposition have depressing and unfavourable influences upon the nervous system and the circulation of the blood, as well as the viewers. The possession of a merry heart really does good. Like a medicine in the modern scientific sense, as well as in the spiritual and psychological sense intended apparently by the wise old Solomon.

PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE

Laughter and smiling reduce muscle tension and they relax the tissues even though vigorous laughter may also exercise certain muscles and organs. Worry, fear, anger, even voluntary frowning tend to produce fatigue and are a waste of energy.

The psychological value of laughter is extremely significant. Laughter tends to dispel gloom and to banish fear and anxiety. It is impossible to be angry when laughing and the person who can solve the unpleasant dilemma by laughing it off is fortunate indeed.

The laugh is valuable, too, in the family group where misunderstandings work at cross purposes and occasional difficult behaviour on the part of some member of the family can either become a cause of serious contention or it can be resolved with a smile or a laugh.

GOOD REFLEXES

When two people meet shopping and it is a question of who is to have attention first the situation can be met with mutual smiles and deference in which case no matter who is served first, there is a pleasant and friendly smile.

Five Ways Of Cooking Cabbages

By FELICITY ASCOT

Hot Slaw

Shred one small cabbage, discarding the hard centre, and boil rapidly for 15 to 20 minutes. Drain, and add 2 tablespoons of butter and 4 tablespoons of vinegar. Season to taste.

Colcannon

Chop 1/2 cupful of cooked cabbage and mix with 1 cupful of mashed potatoes. Melt 1 oz of butter or dripping in a saucepan, add the cabbage and potato mixture and season to taste. Then add 1 well beaten egg and stir well together. Grease a pie dish and coat the inside with breadcrumbs. Put in the cabbage mixture and bake in the oven until firm. The touch Colcannon can either be served

by itself or as an accompaniment to meat.

Scalloped Cabbage

Boil 1 small cabbage 15 to 20 minutes, drain, and mix with a white sauce, made by blending 1 tablespoon butter with 1 tablespoon flour and adding 1 cup milk, salt and pepper, stirring constantly until it thickens. Put a layer of cabbage in the bottom of a buttered baking dish, add a layer of sauce and repeat the layers, with breadcrumbs on top. Bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes until brown.

Mustard Cabbage

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a frying pan, add 2 cups of finely chopped cabbage and cook slowly for 15 minutes. Mix together 1/2 cup of milk, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon dry

mustard and 1/4 teaspoon salt and add to the cabbage. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring frequently.

Stuffed Cabbage

Boil one whole cabbage in slightly salted water for about 20 minutes. Drain well. With a sharp knife hollow out the cabbage until only a shell is left. Chop the cabbage which has been cut out and add to it any leftover cooked vegetables (carrots, peas, celery, potatoes, beans, etc.). Marinate this mixture with mayonnaise, fill the shell and serve.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Housing Problem

—Robin Learns Why City Birds Don't Live In Trees—

By MAX TRELL

As soon as they heard him singing, Knarf and Hanid, two bird-children with the turned-about names, ran across to the garden wall to say good morning. It was Rob Robin.

"Ah, howdy! howdy!" said Rob. "It's good to see you! I had a wonderful adventure yesterday! I went to visit my Cousin Lippy, who lives in the city! You can't imagine what wonderful things I saw!"

Knarf and Hanid were eager to hear what Rob Robin saw on his visit to his Cousin Lippy in the city.

A High Building

"Rob!" said Rob, "the first thing that was wonderful in the city was where Cousin Lippy lived. He lived on a ledge under the roof of a great white building. The building was so high that I was almost out of breath flying up to it. So I asked Lippy why he didn't live in a tree, like birds usually did?"

"Live in a tree?" Lippy exclaimed. "In the city, birds don't live in trees."

"Why don't they?" I asked.

"Because," answered Lippy, "in the city there aren't any trees. Just look for yourself, Cousin Rob. Do you see any trees growing down this street?"

Plenty Of Trees

"So I looked down the street when Cousin Lippy's building stood. Why!" I exclaimed the next instant. "You're wrong! I see plenty of trees!"

"Do you really?" said Cousin Lippy, sounding surprised.

"Indeed I do," I told him. "They're tall and thin. They're not like regular country trees with leaves and branches. No, they don't seem to have any leaves at all. But they have got one branch, right at the top. And there's a big white flower hanging from every branch."

"Ah," said Cousin Lippy in a voice that seemed to say he

suddenly understood what I was talking about. "Those aren't trees, Cousin Rob."

"No? What are they, then?" I asked him.

"Lamp posts. They light up at night. And they're made of iron."

"Then I looked again," Rob went on, "because I was sure that I would be able to find some trees in the city. Finally I did."

"Do you see them?" I said as I pointed them out to Cousin Lippy. "They're tall and straight and they're made of wood. They don't seem to have any leaves or branches. But at the top there are all kinds of long wires stretching from one tree to the next and all the way down the street, as far as you can see!"

"My dear Cousin Rob, those aren't trees, either!"

"What are they?"

"Telephone poles!"

"But they look like trees!" I said.

"Oh, they used to be trees!" said Cousin Lippy.

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The Shadows found Robin singing on the garden wall.

"And didn't you find any trees in the city?" Knarf asked Rob at last.

Rob nodded. "Yes, Cousin Lippy showed me one. It was growing in a little clay pot that stood on the window sill just under the ledge where Cousin Lippy lived. It belonged to a little girl. She watered it every day. It wasn't a very big tree. But it had leaves and branches and it was real. I was very glad to see it."

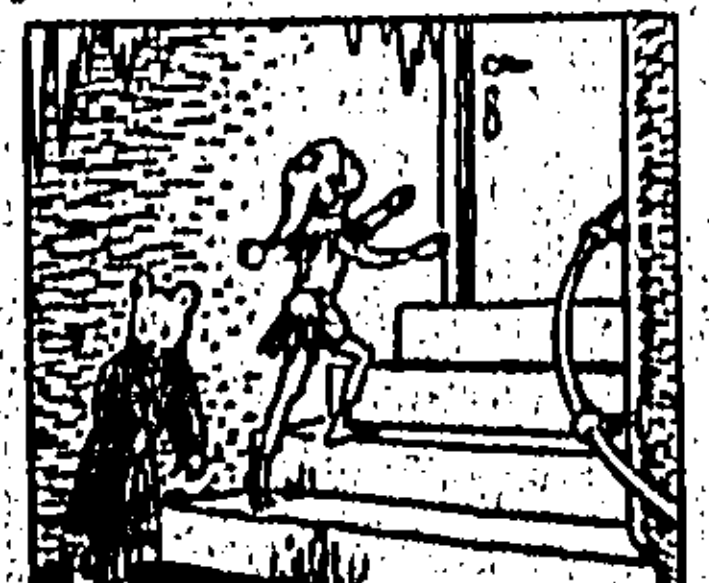
Rob finished his story, chipped good day, and flew over the garden, as happy as a lark though he was only a robin.

Rupert and the Winter Woolly—34



Rupert is very mystified. "But what do they mean? All in the tree?" he asks. "What do they do? Why are they so precious to you?"

"For answer," Jack takes him a little way to the left. "New look up," he says. "Do you see that sheep? Those winter woolies as you call them live and eat in that tree, then they cross by the rope to do their real work in the corner." "What work?" says Rupert. "Come, said Jack, answer, leading him back.



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HORTON PERFORMS HIS FIRST HAT TRICK OF COUNTY CAREER AGAINST SOMERSET

London, June 19. Martin Horton, the Worcestershire offbreak bowler, today performed the first hat trick of his county career against Somerset at Bath. He dismissed Harold Stephenson and Maurice Tremlett with the last two balls of one over and Graham Atkinson with the first of his next.

Horton might have taken a fourth wicket with his next ball, George Dews dropping a difficult chance given by John McMahon. Having taken six first innings wickets for 88, he claimed seven for 29 in the second. Worcester won by 76 runs.

Last season Norton dismissed nine South African batsmen in one innings for 50.

Lancashire, though getting no points from their match against Nottingham, still lead the county table with 72 points.

A thrilling win over Yorkshire by 23 runs with ten minutes of extra time to spare

FINE DISPLAY

Surrey owed their victory to a fine display of hostile bowling by England spinners Tony Lock and Jim Laker. Yorkshire, set to get 124 in 140

minutes, had 80 on the board with one wicket down but then the England pair started a landslide in which the last nine wickets fell for the addition of 40 runs. Lock claimed five for 42, bringing his match figures to nine for 71, and Laker had four for 36.

Earlier Tom Clark had carried his bat for the Champions, scoring 81 out of 133.

Rain had interfered with all the matches at one time or another during the three days and the Derbyshire v. Glamorgan match was washed out completely. Lancashire and Nottinghamshire, with the first two days lost, played today for eight points for first innings lead.

The foundation for Nottinghamshire's success was laid by Reg Simpson (55) and Ron Giles (73) who shared a century partnership in 68 minutes.

Jimmy Gray and Victor Cannings, with clever variations at medium pace, started for Hampshire in the cheap dismissal of Middlesex. Each took four wickets, Gray for 20 and Cannings for 43.

Bowlers were generally in the ascendancy. Among the best performances were those of Brian Lobb, who preceded Horton's hat trick by taking six Somerset wickets for 19 runs with his fast-medium deliveries; Leicestershire's spin bowler Ron Smith, who just missed a hat trick in his first Championship match, against Warwickshire, and took four wickets for six runs and Warwickshire's medium pace John Bannister with five for 78.

T. Angus, 21-year-old right arm medium fast bowler on the MCC ground staff, took all ten wickets for the MCC 'A' against West Herts in a minor match. He claimed them for 24 runs in 15 overs.

Aussies-Kent Match Ends In Draw

Canterbury, Kent, June 19. The Australian tourists, who have yet to record their first victory over a county side, drew with Kent, bottom of the Championship table, in a match reduced by rain to two days here today.

The Australians, who play England in the Second Test next Thursday, have now played nine Championship sides, gaining first innings lead in only five.

Kent scored 210 in reply to the Australians' 301 for four declared and the tourists made 55 without loss before rain stopped play just before the end.

Australian hopes of forcing a victory in the five hours remaining today depended on an early break-through when Kent resumed at 11 for no wicket, needing another 187 to make the tourists bat again. But a second wicket stand of 70 by Alvin Shirreff (40) and Arthur Phibbey (37) held up the tourists, whose fielding was particularly poor.

After lunch the Kent batting collapsed when five wickets fell for only 38 runs, mainly due to fine bowling by Pat Crawford and Jim Wilson.

During the morning, none of the Australian bowlers worried Shirreff and Phibbey, and only a

misunderstanding over a run lost Shirreff his wicket.

BATTING MASTERY

Jack Wilson, the 33-year-old left-arm spinner, ended the batting mastery in an excellent spell of five overs, in which he dismissed Crawford and Phibbey for four runs. Crawford, who spent 40 minutes over 22, never looked comfortable against Wilson and after being dropped off him in the slips for nine, he was eventually caught at the wicket. Phibbey also fell to catch by Maddocks after making 67 in three hours 25 minutes.

Only 50 minutes remained when the Australians batted again and Burke took full advantage of some loose bowling by Evans, whose 10 deliveries cost him 26 runs, before rain ended the match 15 minutes early.

Paddle Tennis Put Althea On Road To Wimbledon

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Determination alone may not win titles. But it helps. Althea Gibson is a determined young woman. A 28-year-old Bachelor of Science from Detroit, she aims to match her big guns with all the feminine artillery Wimbledon can muster.

This 5 ft 10 in slim athlete wants to become the first Negro to win the Women's Singles title at the All-England Championships.

Althea comes with an impressive record from her world tour—11 international titles, including the French Open, where she dethroned the holder, Britain's Angela Mortimer.

It is Miss Gibson's first world tour, but second trip to Britain. The last was in 1951.

But to get the story behind Althea Gibson's trek across India, Egypt, Germany, France,

Monte Carlo and Italy to Wimbledon, you have to go back 14 years.

Althea, one of five children of a garage hand, was playing her usual game of paddle tennis with a home made wooden racket and sponge ball in a play centre of New York's Harlem quarter.

A social worker saw her, liked her style and bought her

a new tennis racket—"the most wonderful present I have ever had."

A NEW LIFE

That was the beginning of a new life for Althea. She felt work, but she was playing tennis—the real thing, in live tournaments—and winning, too. Three times Althea won the Negro Singles Championship of the United States before 1951. In 1950 she reached the final of the American Indoor Championships, and gave Wimbledon Champion Louise Brough one of the biggest thrashings of her career in the semi-final of the Forest Hill tournament.

Althea actually led 1-0, 6-3 and 7-6 when rain stopped play. Next day, as so often happens in these matches when the London is broken, she lost her hold. Louise Brough pulled up to win the last set 6-7.

Then came the Wimbledon debut, and defeat in the third round by fellow American Beverly Baker.

Althea wasn't accepting defeat without a fight. She determined to come back again one day—and win that title.

HER FIRST TRIP

Her first trip was inspired by World Middleweight Boxing Champion Sugar Ray Robinson, who hailed from Althea's home town. Sugar suggested the Wimbledon trip and helped her make up her mind.

But she had to save hard for a long time before the trip became a reality. It was the same for this year's tour. She worked as a New York lift girl, a mail clerk, sang the blues with an American dance band.

For this year—in fact, this month's—Wimbledon, Althea is the heroine for another Champion boxer, Light-Heavyweight Archie Moore.

All being well he'll be shedding his robe, gloves and sparring partners and popping down to Wimbledon to cheer this hard volleying determined Althea Gibson.

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GORDON PIRIE

Black Day For Punters At Royal Ascot Opening

Berkshire, June 19.

It was a black day for punters at Royal Ascot where the four-day meeting opened in cool-cloudy weather.

Not a single favourite was successful, and to crown it all the Queen's colt, High Veldt, her only runner of the day, ran fourth in the six-horse St James' Palace Stakes, the last and richest race on the card.

The Queen had driven up the course in the Royal Landau drawn by greys with outriders before the meeting opened watched by a large and fashionable crowd.

After the French triumphs in the Derby and Oaks at Epsom, horses from across the channel were expected to take at least one of today's valuable prizes, but the best they could manage was two places.

Bullion Ardent, owned by Prince Aly Khan, was beaten a short-head in a three-horse photo finish to the one-mile St James' Palace Stakes, by Major Lionel Holliday's Pirie King.

HEAVILY BACKED

Pirae King, who had been heavily backed for the Derby started 0-1 today in the small field of 6.

France supplied the favourite, M. Marechal's Olean II, for the Queen Anne Stakes, the opening race of the day.

Starting nine to four Olean was easily beaten into third place by Sir Victor Sassoon's 3-year-old filly, Kandy Sauce, a 10 to 1 chance. Irish challenger Venus Slipper (10 to 8) was second.

All but one of the six winners were trained at Newmarket. The exception was the Gold Vase winner, French Belle, which won this prize over two miles for the Yorkshire stable of Harry Peacock.

Jack Jarvis brought off a long-priced double for Lord Milford with Messemite, a 20 to 1 chance, winning the six-furlong Coventry Stakes for two-year-olds and Empire Way, starting at 100 to 7 taking the Britannia Stakes over one mile.

Messemite, a son of Blue Peter, was making his debut and though slowly away won in a canter from 10 rivals by four lengths.

Champion jockey Douglas Smith scored the only other double of the day, riding Kandy Sauce and Pirae King in the first and last races. He also rode two second.

The Ascot Stakes over two and a half miles went to the topweight, the Irish-owned Zarathustra, from the stable of the Queen's trainer, Captain Boyd-Rochford, starting at 100 to 8 Zarahurth, winner of the Irish Derby and St. Leger two years ago produced a fine burst of speed in the uphill run home to win easily by five lengths.

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SECRET BID FAILS BUT PIRIE DOES FASTEST MILE

By ALAN HOBY

In the crowded archives of athletics there never has been a runner quite like Gordon Pirie. Honest—to the brink of tactlessness—controversy and conjecture cling to him like steel filings to a magnet.

The knockers, for instance, said he was finished after his collapse in the AAA Championships last year. So, just to ram their false forecasts down their throats, Galloping Gordon came back and thrashed the immortal Zatopek. . . .

Then these same know-nothings said he was finished when he had to lay off training this winter with a strained Achilles tendon. So what did Gordon do? Although the tendon still aches after running, he started big-race competition again. . . . Finally, there were the boys who jeered him when he was spiked and lost his running shoe at the British Games recently.

Well, those jeers look pretty cheap now. For in the past three weeks the long, lean Pirie has beaten Northern star Derek Ibbotson over 3,000 metres in one of the most sizzling neck-and-neck finishes ever seen.

In his first Three Miles of the season he has clocked a new Surrey Championship best of 13min. 42.2sec. Then at Walton, Surrey, the other week, in a secret bid to beat the magic four minutes, I saw him run his fastest-ever mile—and the fastest of the season in England—when he won a special invitation race in 4min. 3.6sec.

GROUND RECORD

Not only is this great going for a long distance runner so early in Olympic year, but two hours later the amazing Pirie set up a ground record for the Three Miles which he won in 13min. 45sec.

Gordon—I know—has a hankering for the Olympic 1,500 Metres. He also wants to become the ninth man in the world to run 1,700 yards in less than four minutes. And he is nibbling closer and closer.

But I still think—and I say this sincerely and as a friend—that Pirie is PRIMARILY A DISTANCE RUNNER. Gordon will probably disagree but I don't think he has quite the "kick"—the speed all through—to win an Olympic 1,500 Metres.

The 6,000 and 10,000 Metres—these should be his priority Olympic targets. For in these events rest his best chance of a Pirie, of course, has a considerable way to go in his climb back to the top.

"I hope to be much better in the next six to eight weeks," Gordon told me over lunch the other week.

But I must say that after watching this 10ft. 8ft. 2in. young man of 25 tack in to steak, potatoes, one tomato juice, two orange juices,

peaches and cream, I could detect no signs of physical wear and tear.

ENFORCED REST

Pirie looked fitter and more relaxed than I have seen him for a long time. "I haven't felt so well since 1953—my

best year—" he said. "That enforced rest through injury did me a lot of good. I feel stronger."

There is no doubt either that Gordon realises that this is his now-or-never year as far as an Olympic medal is concerned.

Already he has covered 1,000 miles in training since April. On a full day's session he runs 20 miles—ruthless fast-slow stuff. Indeed, watching him do 75 punishing minutes non-stop at Paddington Recreation Ground made me feel quite exhausted!

Add the future? Either you're for Pirie or against him. Either you believe in him or you don't.

Well, I'm for him—although I don't agree with everything he says. I have faith in his track powers. I think he is a great runner.

He has that pride of performance, that "killer" streak which characterises your Chris Chataway, your Len Hutton, your Peter Wateman, your John Baharrell, your Duncan Edwards.

CRITICISM

Criticism? "If I'd taken any notice of my critics," Gordon says, "I'd have given up after the last Olympics."

Losing? "I don't mind losing as some people say—but winning is better."

So much for the potted philosophy of Gordon Allister Pirie. Pirie is now in Norway for a 10-day fishing holiday in Bergen.

While he is over there he hopes to meet the great Russian Vladimir Kutsa, who has won 5,000 metres. A select Soviet team is competing in Bergen next week-end.

(Since this was written, Pirie has met and beaten Kutsa and run faster than Kutsa's world record for 5,000 metres as you see in another story on this page.)

After that he may tackle Chris Chataway over 3 miles at Manchester next month. (London Express Service) (Copyright)

New European Swim Records By Hungarian

Munkacs, June 19. Gyoerge Tumpek, of Hungary, established a new European record of two minutes 21.7 seconds for the 200 Metres Butterfly at an international swimming event here today.

The previous record of 2 minutes 24.0 seconds had been held by Manfred Maseel, West Germany.

The competition was held in an indoor swimming hall. Later Tumpek improved on his own previous European record of two minutes two seconds for the 100 Metres Butterfly, clocking one minute 1.8 seconds.—Reuter.

Tilden Ranked Best All-Time American Tennis Player

New York, June 19. The late William "Big Bill" Tilden, who won the American singles title seven times between 1920 and 1929, has been ranked the best All-time American player by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

In ratings drawn up in connection with their Diamond Jubilee, the Association placed Donald Budge second and Jack Kramer third.

Tilden, who died in 1953 aged 60, won the Wimbledon title in 1920, 1921, and 1930 before turning professional.—Reuter.

Bolero First Across The Finish Line In Newport To Bermuda Yacht Race

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 19.

The 73-foot yawl Bolero owned by Sven Soder of Stockholm, Sweden, was first across the finish line today in the Newport to Bermuda yacht race, setting a new record for elapsed time. The \$300,000 yawl Venture, which had led most of the way, was just 10 minutes behind.

The actual winner of the race will not be known until after the end of the craft has finished. The winner is determined by a complicated mathematical formula which "corrects" the times on the basis of allowances for size of the yacht.

Bolero and Venture were the two biggest yachts in the 80-yacht race, and so have to give the smaller craft sizeable handicaps.

UNOFFICIAL TIME

Bolero crossed the finish line at 11 minutes and 30 seconds after noon. Starting time at Newport was 1 p.m. last Saturday, so Bolero's unofficial time was 71 hours. The fastest previous elapsed time was 71

hours, 35 minutes, 43 seconds for the 62-foot sloop Highland Light in 1932, when the race started off Montauk Point, Long Island, for a 627-mile course. The course from Newport is 935 nautical miles.

Bolero, owned last year by John Nicholas Brown, of the U.S. won in Class A, the largest class, in the last previous running in 1954, but lost in the overall classification to the 30-foot Malay. On actual elapsed time Bolero crossed in 108 hours, 55 minutes and 12 seconds, 52 minutes, but on corrected time it was Malay, 80 hours 40 minutes and Bolero 100 hours, 14 minutes. Bolero also was first to finish the race in 1950.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



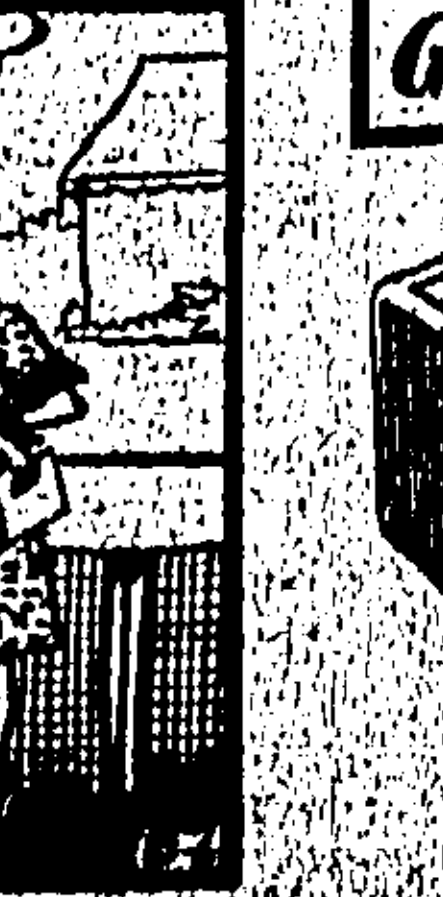
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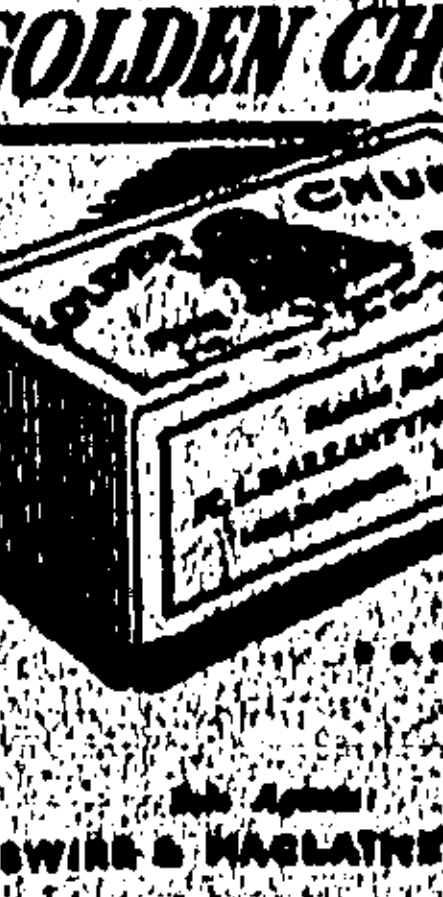
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A victory smile from Althea Gibson as she receives her trophy after winning the Surrey Women's Singles Championship last week at Surbiton, England.—Express Photo.

FAMOUS REFEREES SERIES

JOHN BASHAM—A WARRIOR BOTH INSIDE AND OUT OF THE RING

By C. B. THOMAS

The simple wooden headpiece to the grave in the cemetery at Newport bears the name John Michael Basham.

Underneath that greensward lies the man they nicknamed "The Happy Warrior," ex-Sergeant John Basham, one of the greatest fistic heroes of my time, who became Welterweight Champion of Great Britain and the British Empire, later adding the Middleweight Championship to his honours.

He laid other claims to fistic immortality when winning the Lonsdale Belt outright as a Welterweight by defeating the redoubtable Johnny Summers in nine rounds, Tom McCormick in 13 rounds, and Eddie Beattie in 19 rounds.

If I had put up Johnny Basham's gravestone I would have added these lines:

If he was beaten to earth, well, what's that? He'd come up with a smiling face.

It was nothing against him to be knocked down flat. But to lie there—would have been disgraceful.

The harder he was hit, why, the higher he bounced. He was proud of a blackened eye.

For it wasn't the fact that he was hit, but the fact that he counted, that was his glory.

THE JOKER

A warrior he always was, both in and out of the ring. For he spent the biggest part of his life serving in the Army.

Whimsical, witty and a practical joker, Johnny was always smiling whether in adversity or prosperity.

I was sitting at a Jim Driscoll memorial fund tournament once when Johnny told me this little story about himself.

During the First World War Johnny and his pal Jim Driscoll

joined the gymnastic staff at Aldershot. Driscoll had been promoted to Regimental Sergeant-Major. Johnny was only a sergeant.

Johnny assumed he could take advantage of their comradeship, and one day was calmly puffing away at a cigarette while his squad was doing exercises.

Along came RSM Jim, and without a smile on his face shouted: "You are smoking, Sergeant Basham!"

"Yes, Jim," replied Johnny. "Will you have one?"

Driscoll immediately ordered two soldiers to place the sergeant under arrest and escort him to the guardroom.

"Just think of it," said Basham to me, "throwing his weight about because he was an RSM and putting his old pal into a cell for smoking a cigarette!"

In his teens Basham sold newspapers in the streets of Newport. He looked poorly nourished, but he was always strong and very and he augmented his earnings from his "paper pitch" by boxing in Jack Gage's booth on the fairground at Rodney Parade.

Then Jack Scarrott, well-known boxing promoter, looked Johnny over and offered him a purse of £5 to fight an up-and-coming Londoner, Joe Curley.

The Londoner came with a good record and a reputation for toughness, but Basham disposed of him in seven rounds with a left hook to the jaw.

This same devastating punch was to spell doom for a great many more fighters.

HIS EARLY DAYS

Johnny Basham, in his early days of training in the Army, was fortunate in pulling up with Counsellor Bill Dodman, of Wrexham, a local sportsman who guided him to the top of the fistic ladder.

But Johnny's favourite left could never take its toll with one fighter, "Badger" Brien, of Cardiff. "Badger," henchman and chief sparring partner to Jim Driscoll, defied Johnny's efforts to put him out for the count.

Three times they fought. The first occasion was early in Basham's career and the "Badger" stopped Basham in two rounds.

Within twelve months the pair had fought twice more, over 20 and 15 rounds, and although Basham failed to have his full effect with the music left hook he was a clear points winner.

By 1912 Basham seemed to have the boxing world at his

feet. But, wonderfully good natured and happy-go-lucky though he was, Johnny neither forgot nor forgave one particular fight verdict that year. The Londoner Matt Wells was holidaying in Swansea when it was arranged that he would fight the Newport man.

The contest took place near Swansea docks, and when Wells entered the ring he looked none too fit. But in the seventh round down went Basham, claiming to have been hit low. The referee, amid a terrific rumpus, counted him out.

Basham never forgot that fight and accepted with alacrity an offer made three years later to meet Wells over fifteen rounds. He won on points.

Nothing would satisfy Basham until he had completely proved his ascendancy over Wells. At the Holborn Stadium, London, in November of 1919, before Wells's own townsmen, Basham gave a wonderful performance to win again.

That contest was almost on a par with the epic battle between Johnny and Ted "Kid" Lewis.

A SENSATION

For nineteen rounds the audience yelled with delight and encouragement. Then, in the nineteenth, Basham went down for a short count.

Then there was pandemonium as, astonished, both fighters and audience realized that the fight was over.

Referee Eugene Corni stated that the timekeeper, J. W. Thwaites, had counted Basham out. Thwaites, in turn, was equally emphatic that the referee had stopped the contest.

According to reliable critics, Basham was in good condition to continue and was well ahead on points at the time of this amazing mix-up.

Basham, happy warrior of both ring and ring, never could resist a joke. During the early days of the First World War, he fought Dai Roberts, the second-best welter in Great Britain. The bout was at Liverpool and when Johnny left for the contest his hometown band gave him a great send-off.

But imagine the surprise when Johnny ducked through the ropes at Liverpool, to be greeted by the full band of his regiment, the Royal Welch Fusiliers, with "See, the conquering hero comes!"

Johnny knocked out Dai in seven rounds. Afterwards, Dai himself laughed about the nervous joke played upon him. Poor Dai was later killed at Ypres.

Now, the Happy Warrior too lies at rest.

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HER COMEBACK TRAIL



Mrs. June Paul (who is making a return to athletics—she was formerly June Foulks) won the heat of the 100 Yards in the Women's Southern Counties Athletic Championships at Chelwick on June 9. She was beaten in the final by 15-year-old Madeleine Weston in an inches finish. But June has already brought down the British Women's 100 Yards record to 10.7 seconds on her comeback trail. Central Press Photo.



It is often said among Army folks that the troops in the New Territories seldom get a chance to see the big occasion as far as sporting events are concerned.

There is of course a great deal of truth in that but there are also many reasons why it is so. There is an almost complete absence of suitable stadia north of Kowloon and it is therefore inevitable that the crowd pulling sports, or those that require specialist facilities, should be held where these exist.

However the units in the New Territories will have an out-of-season and somewhat unexpected opportunity to see an important football match at Sek Kong on Tuesday, July 3, when the Army will meet the Portuguese Army from Macao in the second leg of the struggle for the Macao Military Club Cup.

The occasion will also mark the official opening of the new Garrison Ground at Sek Kong and the excellent sport and entertainment already being derived from the League sponsored by San Miguel Brewery. This is a first-rate competition and provides many an interesting evening as well as many a thrilling game.

I hope to have more news about new knock-out champion, ships in the near future and am sure the sponsors, wherever they may turn out to be, will not be disappointed in the response they will receive from soldier "dead-eyes" in Hong Kong.

If you are at a loose end this afternoon may I remind you that there will be some entertaining quizes at Victoria Pool from 4 to 6 onwards. The Royal Army Medical Corps Annual Gala will be in progress.

DIFFICULT TASK

From the playing point of view, our choicest representatives will find a difficult task when they troop on to the field to meet their fit and strong opponents from Macao. The visitors will come with a two goals advantage from the first meeting but the underfoot conditions on this occasion will be much more to the liking of our players than the hard, bumpy, uneven ground on which the first game was played.

It is anticipated that while the same players will be available for Hong Kong it is almost certain that after the finishing suffered by some reputations at Macao there will be important changes and some new faces may be seen in action. This serves a twofold purpose of course as it allows the Army selectors to see some of the talent which will be available next season and at the same time allows the newcomers to get an early look at Colony football.

It is understood that the honour of refereeing the game will be given to Sgt Major Davies of 7th Hussars. This is an excellent choice and with one of the Colony's star officials in control neither team will have any cause for complaint.

The arrangements for traffic and spectators are being made by Major C. D. Elick, the Army P.A. Secretary, in co-operation with the Staff at the 48th Infantry Brigade and I hope to be able to give you full particulars next week. Note the date... Tuesday, July 3.

GOOD RESPONSE

Last week I mentioned the arrangements for running a course for basketball referees and stressed how important it was to have a big list of duly qualified officials.

The response has been quite astonishing and it is absolutely correct to say that SMI Harris, the acting D.O., has been overwhelmed by the number of applications he has received.

These have far outnumbered the vacancies available, but in order that none of the forty odd candidates should be disappointed it has now been decided to run two courses and provide instruction for them all.

...altogether a fine effort... and another good example of the ever growing popularity of basketball among British soldiers.

DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Some weeks ago I reported the fact that there was a growing demand for some sort of Army Darts Championship in Colony and I am glad to say this situation has now passed unchallenged by several people and organisations who are in a position to help.

I know that already one committee has been giving serious consideration to the matter and may make their intentions known in the very near future.

They are not only ones who are interested, but I believe one of the factors under consideration is whether it would be better to launch a competition open to the male and female also women—in all three services or whether a separate championship should be provided for each of the three services and then bring the winners together for an inter-services final.

According to the information so far available to me it seems most of the possible sponsors are keen that the competitions should be open to all ranks, and I think that anyone who has an ambition about winning the title would not want it otherwise.

In any comments about darts among the Services in the Colony mention must be made of the excellent sport and entertainment already being derived from the League sponsored by San Miguel Brewery. This is a first-rate competition and provides many an interesting evening as well as many a thrilling game.

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What's the matter with our swimmers? Are they all becoming short distance men? As a change from the usual run of open events at regimental swimming galas the Royal Army Swimming Club has decided that this year they would include a 4 x 100 yards relay race. However, in the face of comments from several different quarters they have now decided to change this to a 4 x 1 length relay and entries for that event can be forwarded to Capt. H. Phelan, R.A.C. at the Commandant's Office. The date of the gala is July 18.

MOTOR CYCLE TRIALS

On account of the excellent conditions for the sports programme generally very much restricted during the hot season yet included in the summer events there are some of the most exciting and thrilling of the whole year. These are the motor cycle trials organised by the various formations and leading progressively to the Army trials in the autumn. There are a few soldiers who do not enjoy riding a motor cycle and many of them welcome the opportunity to compete in the trials where only those with a high degree of skill, courage and endurance can hope to get into the prize lists.

In recent years we have had the pleasure of watching some brilliant riding in meetings which were also memorable for the excellence of the organisation and general arrangements. With this in mind it is not surprising to hear that some of the formations have already started planning their seasons' events and it is understood that 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade has set aside August 10 for the Brigade Trial while news has just come to hand that the Divisional Artillery Trial, always one of the most popular of these events, will be held on Friday, September 7.

Both events are certain to attract a big entry and I shall be glad to give due publicity to the arrangements for these and any other trials which may be planned in the months ahead.

SOCCER FUTURE

According to information which has just reached the Colony it is anticipated that big news will soon be heard regarding the soccer future of Derek Reeves, the former Army and Colony inside-forward, who is now regarded as the star of Southampton's attack.

The news is that Ted Drake has intimated that Derek is the man he wants to add goal-scoring punch to the Chelsea front-rank. To obtain Reeves' signature will set the Chelsea bank balance back by many thousands of pounds, and that for a player they regard as having nothing to do with the United Kingdom returned to the United Kingdom from Hong Kong.

Reeves is the result of recommendations from the Colony, spent two weeks at Stamford Bridge as the guest of Chelsea, but when they do make a move for him, he will be offered Southampton's support with attractive terms and look him to the Dell. It's a strange game, it's football, it's a good game, it's a game that's always a temporary sportsman.

RECORD-WRECKER

Former night fighter pilot... gambler... music lover... and the greatest all-round cricketer in history. That's Keith Miller. In the third of his Tigers of Sport series HARRY ANDREW throws the spotlight on the many facets of this remarkable athlete.

EVEN BRADMAN COULDN'T TAME THIS REBEL

By HARRY ANDREW

Far and away the strangest character of all the real Tigers of Sport is that giant from "Down Under", Keith Ross Miller—the greatest all-rounder cricket has ever seen.

At the moment Keith is playing his 50th Test match and doing his damndest to see that England—a land he loves almost as much as Australia—gets a hammering.

His grand spell of bowling at Trent Bridge the other week when he took his 150th Test wicket, testifies to that.

No cold figures could give more than a hint of the cricketing genius of this mercurial man. Yet they are remarkable enough, goodness knows. In Tests, he has scored 2,723 runs at an average of 34.0. He has taken 151 wickets, average just over 22. He has collected 30 catches.

THAT CONSTITUTES A RECORD WHICH MAY NEVER BE EQUALLED. AND IT IS STILL NOT COMPLETE.

But much, much more remarkable than Miller the record-wrecker is Miller the man. A law unto himself, wilful, unpredictable, resentful of restriction, quick to anger—even quicker to laugh.

FIGHTING MILLER

There is the furious, fighting Miller. The "couldn't-care-less" Miller. There is Miller the Clown, Miller the Gambler, Miller the Music Lover. An endless, infinite variety of Millers—and all of them for me, enchanting.

Miller fought for Britain in the dark war days, flying Mosquito night fighters. Through most of his cricket career he has been handicapped by a back injury sustained when his aeroplane crashed. But it is impossible to persuade him to discuss the matter.

That, too, is typical. It was inevitable that Keith Miller should be a fighter pilot. He looks it, every inch of his lithe six-foot odd. And his character matches his looks. He loves a scrap. He hates an easy thing.

Back in 1940, he was playing against Essex at Southend. The wicket was dead easy. The Aussies were on the way to a record (they scored more than 700 runs in one day). Waiting for the batsman to play with his pals.

When his turn came, the score was more than 100 for two wickets. Keith said he didn't want to bat. He didn't like "taking candy from kids." His captain, Don Bradman, said he had to.

So out marched Keith, refused to take guard, lifted his bat over his shoulder as Trevor Bailey came up in bowl, and kept it there as he calmly watched the ball hit his stumps. Then he crunched back in again, picked up his bat and got on with the other game.

Only Keith Miller could have got away with that. But how different is Miller the incorporeal match-winner. He can be as ruthless as determined as set on victory as any man who ever lived.

MATCH "BUMPERS"

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balls, then defeated Simpson, in a flash, the England score had retreated to 134 for four. That was the turning point of the match.

Then Miller walked calmly back to resume his chat with the boundary spectators.

Yes, a strange character. He will sit for hours in entranced enjoyment of classical music. He will just as happily and as enthusiastically spend as many hours playing pool.

He will travel any distance to attend a race meeting. He is equally happy playing golf—and very good golf he plays, too.

He has never believed that silence is golden, nor that discretion is the better part of valour. If Keith has something to say, he says it—regardless. If he makes up his mind to a course of action, nothing will sway him from it.

DIFFERENT IDEAS

In the second Test at Lords in 1940, Miller said beforehand that he would be fit to bat, but not to bowl his fast stuff. However, his skipper, Bradman, obviously had different ideas.

After Ray Lindwall had bowled the first over, Bradman walked up to Miller and handed him the ball. Keith took it, examined it, and handed it back to the captain. Again Bradman tried, but this time Miller simply side stepped and walked away to his place in the field.

Bradman had to call up Bill Johnston to bowl the next over.

As you might expect, Miller hates fuss, mobbery and all forms of officialdom. On one tour, an official rang him early in the morning and said: "Miller, this is to tell you that you have been selected to represent the Australian cricket team at the launching of the liner—next week."

Miller said: "Is that so? Shall I tell you something?" The official asked: "What?" Miller replied: "I'm not going!"

He didn't either. For all this, Keith Miller is one of the most likeable men in big cricket. His pals call him "Nugget". He, and Ray Lindwall, who could be such rivals in fact the closest of friends. They share some whimsies, possible and each will do anything for the other.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

W. EUROPE FIGHTS INFLATION

And This Is How:

THE CREDIT SQUEEZE GOES INTO ACTION

London, June 18. While the British Government prepares its plans, expected to be announced soon, to cut its spending by £100 million in the fight against inflation, most European and sterling area countries are facing up to the same problem.

European governments, tired of playing the referee in the race between prices and wages, are applying the credit squeeze through a variety of measures ranging from drastic restrictions on hire purchase terms to increases in the bank rate.

France, where the Algerian war is making a sizable hole in the treasury purse, is suffering from rapidly rising prices. One report said it now costs a family of four 13 per cent more to live than it did last year.

In Switzerland, again in the warmth of an unprecedented industrial boom, inflation looms. Private banks have agreed to refuse any more foreign capital, and the Government is now planning a conference with employers and workers to discuss the inflation danger.

Situation Reports
In Germany, the purchasing power of the mark has dropped by four percent since last year. Here are the situation reports from correspondents in the world's capitals.

LONDON: The British Government is about to announce details of a £100,000,000 cut in its own spending as part of a campaign to rid the British economy of inflation.

The cut will be made partly in the nation's defence budget, now running at the rate of nearly £1,600 million sterling annually, and partly in various domestic services.

The Government hopes that by trimming its own expenditure, it will set an example to the British public, whose excessive home demands have been one of the principal causes of the country's economic difficulties in the past 18 months.

Import Duty Cuts
BONN: Import duty cuts, designed to help keep down prices, are a main point in the government plan to halt the inflation which has reduced the mark's purchasing power by an estimated four percent in a year.

Further measures planned to control inflation are credit restrictions. Cancellation of tax concessions which would be in investors and the encouragement of private saving.

The Central Bank recently increased the bank rate by one per cent to 5½ per cent—the highest level since the "Korea boom."

PARIS: The cost of living in France has been on the upgrade for many months.

The inflation threat was underlined by the fact that over 300,000 million more banknotes were in circulation in France at the end of May this year than in May last year.

The declared policy of the French Government is to defend the franc. Anti-inflation measures have included price-blocking.

HP Sales Cut
BRUSSELS: The main anti-inflation measure adopted by Belgium is a system of "favourable" imports to keep domestic prices down.

A high official of the Economics Ministry said the authorities did not expect any change in the bank rate, nor was there any concern about devaluation threats. The export situation was described as "very satisfactory."

THE HAGUE: The Dutch Government has announced new regulations aimed at stopping indiscriminate hire-purchase sales.

These regulations, which come tomorrow and are part of Holland's anti-inflation drive, fix the first down payment and allocate the time in which the balance must be paid off.

Go-slow On Wages
STOCKHOLM: Inflation in Sweden is being tackled by government measures and the trade union self-imposed "go-slow" wage policy.

Commercial banks are obliged to maintain a high reserve of liquid funds so as to cut down spending by the public. They must obtain the approval of the National Bank for the conditions, dates, and priorities of

every new bond loan they issue. This enables the National Bank to ensure that money for investment is kept to nationally useful objectives such as industries working on exports.

Hire purchases are restricted as are building programmes.

Last April the bank rate was raised from 2½ to 3½ per cent.

OSLO: Experts here are agreed that inflationary tendencies are left in Norway but no worse than elsewhere.

Measures taken by the Government to curb inflationary trends are the increase of the discount rate of the Bank of Norway by one per cent, credit restrictions, new taxes, a ten per cent extraordinary tax on building and other investment enterprises and a ten per cent tax on the import of machines.

COPENHAGEN: The same sort of inflationary trend exists in Denmark as in Britain, but it has slowed down in recent months.

The Danish National Bank raised its discount rate from 4½ to 5½ per cent, the same as the current Bank of England rate, as long ago as June, 1954.

At the same time, commercial banks were instructed to avoid any great increase in the level of loans, but these measures have not been so successful in combating inflation.

Talks To Be Held
BERNE: The Department of Finance (Treasury) the trade unions and the numerous economic associations in the

country have for some time been trying to curb the race between prices and wages, but without success.

The Swiss Government announced last week that it had invited all the leading employers and workers' organisations to start consultations next month on inflation dangers.

Neither the Finance Department nor the National Bank have as yet taken any direct restrictive credit measures.

The private banks have also made a "gentleman's agreement" not to accept any more foreign capital as the Swiss capital market is already full to overflowing.

'Change Strike
ROME: Strikes by stock exchange brokers in all main Italian cities in the last few months are described as one of the minor factors contributing to the absence of any strong inflationary tendency in Italy.

The brokers have been striking against a law which obliges all shares to bear the names of their owners. Its object is to enable income tax authorities to identify "share" holders.

The strikers have depressed all prices on Italian stock exchanges and therefore prevented the launching of new capital issues.

VIENNA: The steps which Austrian authorities took at last autumn to check potential inflation dangers, plus a greater export effort, are believed to be succeeding and Austria is looking forward to a steady rise in economic prosperity for the time being.—China Mail Special.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS
Singapore, June 19. After opening on short covering the market advanced sharply with sellers reserved. In the afternoon, sellers predominated and sharp reaction was set in.

LONDON MARKET
London, June 19. The rubber market was easier with spot quoted at 24-27/10. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 24½-25½
No. 2 rubber per lb. 24-25
No. 3 rubber per lb. 23-24
No. 4 rubber per lb. 22-23
Spot rubber unbleached 24-25
Blanket sheets 24-25
No. 1 crepe 24-25
No. 2 crepe 23-24
No. 3 crepe 22-23
No. 4 crepe 21-22

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, June 19. No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 25 to 90 points lower with sales of 144 contracts. The standard contract closed 90 to 100 points lower with sales of two contracts.

AMSTERDAM MARKET
Amsterdam, June 19. The rubber market was easy. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, off today as follows: No. 1 rubber 24½-25½
No. 2 rubber 24-25
No. 3 rubber 23-24
No. 4 crepe 21-22

NEW YORK COTTON ERRATIC

New York, June 19. Cotton prices eased over a wider range in moderately active dealings today.

After a hesitant start, prices enjoyed a smart post-opening rally, only to turn into increased hedge selling and liquidation.

Evening-up operations in the July delivery provided a trading feature while dealers continued to ponder the effect of lower price under the Government export programme in face of a possible higher loan rate for the growing crop.

Mid-morning buying, credited largely to mill interests, was presumed to be covering in anticipation of the higher loan rate. Also, the relatively light volume of hedge selling, following announcement of the large Government sales out of the surplus stock, spurred local covering.

Open July contracts—today totaled 156,300 bales. The certificated stock decreased 427 to 9,715 bales.

At the close the list was 15 points higher to 11 points lower. Opening prices were up 2 to off 4 points. New Orleans closed 4 to 10 off 10 points.

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July 10.10-10.20
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Total 10.10-10.20

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NEW ORLEANS
New Orleans, June 19. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

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LIVERPOOL
Liverpool, June 19. Cotton futures closed today as follows:

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Dec. 24.00
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May 24.00
June 24.00
Total 24.00

Canada's Imports Topped \$1,000 Million

Ottawa, June 19. Canada's imports topped the one billion dollar mark in the first quarter of 1956, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

"Continuing the expansion which has been underway since the middle of 1955," the report said, "Canada's imports rose 28 per cent to a new peak of \$1,272,300,000."

Last year's imports totaled \$990.7 million during the first quarter, a wide spread with virtually all commodities showing a rise.

Australian Bonds To Be Offered In US

New York, June 19. A spokesman for a group of 68 American investment firms handling the public sale tomorrow of a \$25 million Australian bond issue predicted today that the offering would be "oversubscribed."

An official of the banking and investment firm, Morgan Stanley and Company, heading the syndicate, based his forecast on the high credit standing Australia enjoys among US and foreign investors.

The New Australian dollar bond issues are for a 15-year period at four and a half per cent. The bonds are priced at \$101½ and accrued interest to yield 4.94 per cent to maturity.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied in part to the payment of \$10,000,000 Commonwealth of Australia 10-year 3½ per cent bonds due August 1, 1956.

CAPITAL WORKS
Tenders of the maturing 3½ percent bonds will be accepted in payment for the new bonds at \$101½, the premium representing accrued interest to August 1.

The balance of the proceeds will be applied toward a program of capital works in Australia.

The syndicate spokesman said that about half of the offering would go abroad, mostly to the Netherlands and Switzerland, and in smaller proportions to England, South America and Belgium. In the United States, he said, there was interest in the bond offer mostly from accounts of commercial and trust banks.

The last public financing by Australia in the US market was an offer of \$25,000,000 15-year 3½ per cent bonds in December 1954. —United Press.

London Foreign Exchange
London, June 19. New York 2.50 1/2-2.50 3/4
Montreal 2.75-2.75 1/2
Frankfurt 1.10-1.10 1/2
Paris 1.10-1.10 1/2
Zurich 1.10-1.10 1/2
Others were unchanged. —United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange
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New York Stock Exchange

Wall Street Turns Out On The Golf Course And Market Is Idle

New York, June 19. Stocks idled through a routine session today with activity the lightest in almost a year.

Wall Streeters in large numbers neglected the market to play golf at the annual tournaments of the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange.

Volume dwindled. The market was a bit lower on balance but the selling was completely without pressure. Out of 1,123 issues appearing on the tape 467 were lower, 383 higher. Measured by the averages, industrials were up 0.61, rails off 0.44 and utilities up 0.25.

Rails Pulled Down
A late gain of nearly 2 points in Du Pont helped lift the industrial average.

Losses of 2 points in Union Pacific, a point each in Atlantic Coast Line and Great Northern weighed on rails. New York Central and Norfolk & Western countered with gains of around a point.

Biggest move was a gain of 5 points in Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line which more than offset losses of around a point in Consolidated Natural Gas and Peoples Gas in the utilities.

In oils, Continental lost 1½ points while Texas, and Standard Oil of California improved about a point each.

Motors were firm with Chrysler and General Motors up fractionally and Ford unchanged.

Steel was virtually unchanged. Dow-Jones closing averages:

30 Industrials 464.62
20 Utilities 107.79
10 Railroads 86.25
10 Chemicals 107.79
10 Electronics 107.79
10 Miscellaneous 107.79
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1956.

Ma On Shan Mines Case: Appeal Abandoned

An application for leave to abandon an appeal against the decision of Mr Justice James Wicks relating to the Ma On Shan Mines was granted by the Full Court this morning.

The appeal stood dismissed and their Lordships ordered costs against appellants, to be a charge on the royalties in the hands of the respondents, payable by respondents to appellants under the current agreement dated August 20, 1951.

JUDGE'S OPINION WAS TO POINT SAYS COUNSEL

Hearing of the appeal against an opinion of Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in an action relating to a mortgage debt continued before the Full Court this morning, when Counsel for the respondents presented arguments in answer to submissions made by Counsel for the appellants yesterday.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan is sitting with the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds in the Full Court.

Mr Bernacchi said this morning that it was the case of the respondents that the opinion of Mr Justice Gregg delivered was entirely to the point and that the complete answer to the whole of the case was that the judgment of Mr Justice Gregg, the Trial Judge, was clear and unambiguous, and not only was it res judicata, but on the facts it would be a shocking abuse of the process of the Court to allow Li Ka-shu and two other respondents who joined with him to re-open the whole matter before the Registrar.

Counsel said that it would be noticed that not all the respondents were trying to do this; only three of the four respondents were adopting this attitude.

INEQUITABLE

Mr Bernacchi said that yesterday Mr Wright told the Court that it should look to the whole case and see what Li Ka-shu was seeking to put up for the purpose of deciding whether it was not equitable to raise that issue before the Registrar. "I say nothing could be more inequitable," Counsel said.

Giving what he called a background of the case, Mr Bernacchi

referred the Court to letters which were put in evidence before the Trial Judge. The first was a letter which Messrs Zimmerman and Company purported to address to Wong Chi, Wong Hon and Wong Sau-chun, executor of the will of Wong Hop, deceased. Counsel pointed out that there was no probate and no letters of administration to the estate, so that the letter was perhaps a little misleading in the sense that it purported to be addressed to the executor of the will of Wong Hop.

It was a letter in which Li Chung-po who was the same as Li Ka-shu, that the mortgage debt and interest were paid about November 7, 1952 and that the title deeds and documents had not been returned. Counsel next referred to the answer written by the solicitors of Wong Sau-chun. He said that even if Wong Sau-chun was a co-mortgagee he could not even affect the respondents' rights to payment because they were tenants in common and not joint tenants.

The next letter was one from Zimmerman and Company to P. C. Woo and Company stating that the title deeds were returned to Woo and Company.

Counsel said that in time the surviving mortgage, Wong

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Hogg and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg.

Appellants were the South China Iron Smelters, Ltd. of No. 8 D'Almeida Street. They were represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr M. E. Ives of P. Mo and Co.

The Mutual Trust Company, otherwise known as the Mutual Trading Company and two of its partners, Yue Wing-tam and Wong Cho-choy, of Holland House, were the respondents.

Appearing on their behalf were the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC.

Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios of Remedios and Company.

Mr D'Alton informed the Court this morning that his instructions were to make an application to the Court for leave to abandon the appeal.

Mr Bernacchi said that he understood from Mr D'Alton that he (Mr D'Alton) consented to costs. Counsel asked that the costs be a charge on the royalties in the hands of respondents, payable by respondents to the appellants, under the current agreement dated August 20, 1951.

Hon. returned to Hongkong and as a result of enquiries he obtained copies of these letters. Wong's legal advisers decided that they must commence proceedings by way of a writ, because quite obviously there was an issue in the case as to whether or not the principal had been repaid.

It was clear that there was a dispute as to the fact of repayment and therefore proceedings were commenced by writ and not by summons, Counsel said. Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's only a routine quarrel—they have it whenever Dad adds up the bills and finds he's going bankrupt again!"

Striking Seamen To Be Repatriated

Arrangements are being made to repatriate to Rangoon the 46 Burmese members of the crew of the Burmese ship Aungmyitha, who are now on a protest strike against the alleged withholding of their pay, an official of the United Trading and Shipping Company, the vessel's local agents, said this morning.

When reminded that the striking crewmen had said last night that they would refuse to be repatriated by any ship other than the Aungmyitha, the official said: "That remains to be seen."

Mr C. P. Tan, the Honorary Consul for Burma in Hongkong, and General Manager of United Trading and Shipping Company, and U Ba Chien, the General Manager of the Union of Burma Shipping Board which owns the Aungmyitha, who was here on a visit, were reported to have left for Rangoon by air this morning.

The crewmen went on strike last Wednesday in protest against the withholding of their wages. They were taken off the ship, which was undergoing her annual overhaul in Kowloon Dock, on Sunday and sent to stay in two Kowloon hotels. The crewmen now demanded full pay, 200 cigarettes a week duty free and no deduction from their wages because of the strike.

CHILDREN HURT IN ACCIDENTS

A ten-year-old Chinese boy was knocked down by a private car in Queen's Road West, near Centre Street, at 1 p.m. yesterday.

The boy, Wong Yan-bor, of 14, Sai Yuen Lane, 3rd floor, sustained injuries and is now detained in hospital for treatment.

A motor lorry hit an eight-year-old girl in Caine Road, near Castle Road, at 2.55 p.m. yesterday. The injured girl, Chan Fui-mul, of 6, Castle Road, ground floor, was removed to hospital, where she is now detained.

Wan Cheng-lai, a seven-year-old girl residing at 90, Holy Cross Path, ground floor, was injured when she was knocked down by a motor cycle in Main Street West, Shaikwan, last night.

MAN ASSAULTED

A party of Chinese, armed with iron bars and sticks, last night assaulted an employee of the Taikep Dockyard, near the dockyard's electric workshop.

The victim, Chan Tang, aged 32, sustained head injuries and is now in hospital. His condition is stated to be satisfactory.

HELD OVER

Pressure on space makes it necessary to hold over John Dells' "On the Record" notes until tomorrow.

SHAREHOLDERS CRITICAL

Lombard Insurance Co's Business Falls Off CHAIRMAN'S EXPLANATION

Disappointment over the working results of the year was expressed by Mr B. W. Bradbury, a shareholder, at the annual meeting of the Lombard Insurance Company held this morning at Alexandra House. Mr Bradbury said that the state of affairs indicated lack of good management, and he also read extracts from letters sent to him by three shareholders residing in England which expressed dismay at the reduction of the dividend and the drop in the market value of the company's shares.

Mr J. Hennessey Seth also expressed concern over the operations of the marine insurance department.

Replying to Mr Bradbury, the Chairman said the management were satisfied it would not be in the best interests of the company or its shareholders to close down the marine department as suggested by Mr Bradbury.

Mr B. W. Bradbury, addressing the meeting said:

Most insurance companies, not only in Hongkong, but throughout the world have, during the past few years made substantial progress and have, increased accordingly their dividends to their shareholders whilst our Company is doing exactly the reverse, obviously this state of affairs indicates lack of good management.

To say that the statement of accounts is very disappointing is definitely an understatement for it appears that the Company has lost approximately \$750,000 on the working of its insurance business during the past financial year and this heavy loss has to be met by drawing to the extent of more than 50% from the income derived from the Company's investments.

The marine insurance department of the Company appears to be a constantly heavy loser and I think it is time the Management seriously considered the closing down of this department and thereby eliminate the associated heavy losses, commissions, claim, overheads etc.

Even if the whole of the insurance business of the company was closed down, a very small department could take care of the company's investments valued at over thirty million dollars which yield an approximate \$1,383,687 annually as this alone would ensure shareholders a regular dividend of at least \$3 per share annually on each of the 383,224 issued shares of the company.

The following extracts are from three of several letters I have received from disappointed shareholders that we should provide facilities for the three principal classes of business, namely Fire, Accident and Marine — which to a large degree are complementary to each other. In other words our Fire and Accident business would suffer to some extent if we ceased to transact Marine business.

RECEIVED A SHOCK

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr C. C. Blake, "Cart Lodge", Worth Park, Nr Crawley, Sussex, England:

"I received a shock today to get the news about the Lombard's dividend reduction from \$3 to \$2 particularly as you were so confident of an increase and the fall in price from \$59 to \$45 is bad news. Have they made a big marine underwriting loss? Something is definitely wrong in the management of this company and I am sure that you will have much to say at the annual meeting, following upon your address to the Board, last year, which remarks I supported. When writing please tell me all about it. With nearly all other insurance companies doing so well, I don't understand why an old concern such as Lombard should fall to be one of them. I wish I was there to have something to add to the remarks you are sure to make at the meeting." 29/5/56.

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr D. M. Munton, "Crookland", Trottercliffe, West Malling, Kent, England:

"I was very surprised to see in the Financial Times that Lombard's were quoted at \$45. Is this a mistake or what has happened? I hope nothing bad, I should be grateful if you could let me know if there is anything to worry about and what best to do. Other shares seem to be doing O.K." 29/5/56.

Extract from a letter addressed to me by Mrs M. Steel of "West Ford", Ash Mill, South Molton, Devon, England:

"This morning I received some rather disturbing news about Lombard, 1.0. shares have dropped to \$45 per share and the dividend has been reduced to \$2 per share. Will you please let me know if anything is going wrong because I'm rather worried. The \$45 is

pend on so much on my dividends." 1/6/56.

Replying to Mr Bradbury, the Chairman said:

Mr Bradbury, thank you for your remarks.

I feel that your reference to an underwriting loss of \$750,000 is misleading. The Marine loss is, admittedly, \$437,034 but the Fire and Accident profits total \$402,372, leaving an adverse underwriting balance of \$34,662. To this small loss on the underwriting balance must of course be added the two major items of General Expenses and Traction on Investment Income and Underwriting Profits which together account for \$400,000 of your figure of \$750,000. While it is difficult to assess exactly what portion of the taxation figure of \$312,000 can be attributed to underwriting profits, it is certainly true to say that a substantial portion of the total of \$312,000 together with a smaller portion of the General Expenses total of \$303,000 should be charged to investment income and not the underwriting results for the year.

CONSTANT CONCERN

Unquestionably the results of our Marine Account for the past three years have been unsatisfactory and I can assure you that they are a source of constant concern to the Management.

However the Management are satisfied that your suggestion that we should close down the Marine Department would not be in the best interests of the Company or its shareholders for the following reasons:

Firstly the composite nature of our operations makes it most desirable that we should provide facilities for the three principal classes of business, namely Fire, Accident and Marine — which to a large degree are complementary to each other. In other words our Fire and Accident business would suffer to some extent if we ceased to transact Marine business.

ACTIVE MEASURES

Secondly, as I explained in my reply to your statement at last year's meeting, active measures have been taken, and are being taken, to improve our marine underwriting experience. We are determined to establish our Marine Account on a profitable basis, and the fact that our Marine losses of 1954 were reduced by half in 1955 encourages us to believe that we shall succeed. However, I should again emphasize that recovering from a bad year in the Marine market is inevitably a slow process.

GIVEN WARNING

Mr J. Hennessey Seth said: At the annual general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., held in 1952, I drew attention to the unsatisfactory results of the Marine Underwriting Account and at the same meeting shareholders were warned by the Chairman that unless an increased profit was earned it would not be possible to recommend the same dividend.

By recommending the same dividend in subsequent years, the Committee gave no indication of the seriousness of the 1951 marine risk, although its members must have been aware of the substantial losses incurred in 1955, when the 1954 accounts disclosed \$905,000 was transferred from Profit and Loss Account to Marine Underwriting Account. The seriousness of the 1951 risk was not brought to the attention of shareholders. Had it been, I am sure that shareholders would have been more fully informed of the situation.

In 1954 and a slightly reduced dividend was recommended at the time, reaction would have been one of mild disappointment only.

My comments in 1952 upon the large claim ratio for 1951 were considered at a meeting of the Consulting Committee, and the General Agents wrote under date of 5th August, 1952:

"You will appreciate that it is too early in the year to make with any certainty what the loss ratio for the year 1952 will be but we have reason to hope that with the elimination of certain business which was a source of trouble to us in 1951 and with a better experience to date at certain other Agencies, the results will show an improvement."

FEARS RELIEVED

The information furnished relieved my immediate fears, and I looked forward to the result of trading in 1952 with a feeling of quiet confidence. This was justified, and Profit and Loss Account received \$159,000 from Marine Underwriting Account for that year, in place of the Marine Account receiving a larger sum from Profit and Loss Account as was transferred in 1951. In the same year transfer from Fire Underwriting Account was approximately \$140,000 less than the previous year.

My relief was short lived. The merger of the two Companies took place in October, 1953, and the consolidated Lombard Marine Underwriting Account for 1953, required a transfer of \$350,000 from Reserve for Contingencies to bolster it up. In the same year both consolidated Fire and Accident Accounts showed reductions in transfers to Profit and Loss Account in comparison to the combined Canton Insurance and Hongkong Fire Accounts for 1952. The Marine Underwriting Account took a new dive in 1954, and received \$905,000 from Profit and Loss Account. We were fortunate in that year to be able to transfer approximately \$900,000 more than in 1953 from Fire Underwriting Account to Profit and Loss Account to offset the alarming position of the Marine Account.

The conduct of Marine Insurance is a sealed book to me, but examination of business which was a source of trouble in 1951, could not have taken place as indicated by the communication dated 5th August, 1955, because in the Chairman's statement with the Accounts for 1955, the 1951 risks are still being run off and may continue to do so for the next few years. The less said about the loss ratio to date in relation to this business the better. Had other first class insurance companies suffered like reverses, we should have accepted these as exceptional losses occurring from time to time in marine insurance, but I cannot help feeling we rushed in where wise insurers feared to tread. Would it not have been possible in 1952, or even later, to re-insure the whole of our troublesome risks? I am sure that prudent owners would have accepted this step, even at a loss. At least our loss would be crystallized, relieving us from further anxiety in this connection. The statement that we have terminated further participation in unprofitable Hull business is welcomed.

GRAVE CONCERN

You, Sir, seem to derive some consolation from the fact that the loss on Marine Underwriting for 1955 was approximately 50% less than the previous year. Not possessing the information available to the Committee, the further losses in Marine Underwriting Account is a matter of grave concern to the majority of shareholders who expected a better result. I am sure that prudent owners would have accepted this step, even at a loss. At least our loss would be crystallized, relieving us from further anxiety in this connection. The statement that we have terminated further participation in unprofitable Hull business is welcomed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fishing Offence

Dear Sir,—Appearing in yesterday's issue of the China Mail was a short note as follows:

"FISHERMEN FINED. Two fishermen, Wong Ngai, 22, and Leung Chor-ye, 35, were each fined \$10 by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning when they pleaded guilty to fishing with bright lights."

I am curious and would be grateful for information as to the law or regulation which was being contravened because on almost every fine night throughout the year many boats with "bright lights" may be seen fishing in and around Repulse and other Bays in Hongkong.

Could it perhaps have been the method of fishing—the degree of brightness of the lights—or the area in which they were working that got these two fishermen into trouble? Perhaps the lights that I see most nights in Repulse Bay are not considered "bright" lights? I am sure others in the Colony would be also interested to know the answer.

Thank you.

H. G. ROBINSON.

The offence in the case quoted was that the men were fishing with bright lights in a prohibited area. Fishing with bright lights is legal in specified areas. —Ed., China Mail.

Stanley Training Centre Broadcast

Rediffusion's "Around Hong-kong" tonight at 9 o'clock, with a report on Sunday, takes Blue Network listeners around the Stanley Training Centre where young delinquents undergo corrective training and leave the Centre better equipped to take their place among the civil community.

In this recorded programme, the work of the Centre is outlined by Mr C. J. Norman, the Commissioner of Prisons, and members of the Stanley Training Centre staff.

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